**Perception**

How we perceive others might depend on our culture, customs and habits. However, we should always keep an open mind.

Prejudice and stereotypes are, unfortunately, present in our everyday lives. Sometimes they help us manage in this chaotic world; however, they can also be very dangerous. Most people judge other people based on some external factors ignoring the fact that we should first get know someone before we judge about him or her.

In some cases, differences in cultures can lead to perceiving others wrongly. One of the examples is clothes we wear. Simple clothes and posture can mean in some cultures poorness and in others wisdom. In some cultures, there are stricter norms about clothing – women not wearing pants or wearing long skirts not to expose their ankles. Other value more appearance and wear clothes that is of the latest fashion.

Because of the differences in our cultural norms, we can perceive other people differently and wrongly. This can lead to a problem, since our perception of a person can influence strongly our communication with this person. Therefore, we should be open-minded and not make conclusions quickly, just based on e.g. different clothes.