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Lecture

Policy for Community Living

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Theme

Everyone knows the major prohibition that guarantees social ties: that of incest – explored by great anthropologists. We are less familiar with the second prohibition which is vital for life in society: that of pleonexia. But first of all, what does “pleonexia” mean? It is a Greek term which has been widely used since the dawn of philosophy, formed from *pleon* (more) and *echein* (to have), and meaning literally “to have more”, or always wanting more.

It is clear to see that the question remains highly topical.”