EU Luncheon – Sheraton Hotel – 13 December 2004

**Identities and clash of identities in Turkey**

* for convenience, only ethnic and religious.
* **Glossary**
* Classification:
	+ Objective and subjective (when born; when choose)
	+ Lower and upper (of the group; that the State gives you)
* Relations lower-upper:
	+ Min. embraces upper as subjective: Voluntary assimilation
	+ Min. refuses upper: trauma (massacres; secession)
	+ Min. accepts upper, demands respect
		- State insists on assimilation: conflict
		- State respects lower: harmony (lower and upper not the same)
* **Turkey is very confused and confusing**
* Oct. 2004. Min. Report: “Must change upper because divisive”: “Spreading hatred and enmity”- 5 years wanted
* Last week. Essen Uni: “Humiliating!”
* Malatya trial: 32 files, 8 concerned with killing, 24 with missionary activities.
* July 19: Playing Kurdish song cassettes - 6 months (contrary opinion of C. of Cassation in April 27)
* Nov. 23: “Kurdistan”: 10 months
* Nov. 20: q, x, w: Three lawsuits against Mahmut Alınak – 2/6 months wanted.

**The source: Millet System today**

* Very respectful of differences (autonomy)
* Very discriminative
* Two millets:
	+ Dominant – Muslims
	+ Dominated – non-Muslims
* Upper Identities:
	+ Ottoman Empire: Muslim
	+ Turkish Republic: Turk (Muslim Turc; LAHASUMUT) -🡪 **Türkiyeli**
* Reason:
	+ Respect for differences ended,
	+ Discrimination continues.
* Kurds and Alevis: “Basic and founding elements”