It is an introduction chapter to the book titled “Turkey in the New Millennium: A Critique of Political, Social and Economic Transformations”. Despite its ups and downs, liberal democracy has improved in all around the world. In addition, societal expectations and demands, the use of market mechanisms, technology, mobility etc. all seem to have increased globally over the last decades. Moreover, national economies have become more liberalized and globally integrated than ever before over the last three or four decades. Although there are differences between societies or countries, people are in a much better position today in influencing their governments and politics than a century ago or even 30 years ago. With some exceptions, elections have become basic method of determining who will govern in many developing countries as well as developed countries. Furthermore, the recognition and protection of fundamental human rights and freedoms have been achieved to a great extent in developed and many developing countries. More importantly some international mechanisms and methods have been established in order to protect human rights. These changes have happened not merely required for the protection of human life or the pursuit of a decent life; they are also preconditions for a democratic social and political life.