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Gesellschaft

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Wesenwille and Kürwille

- The other will is the "**arbitrary will**" ("Kürwille"): An actor sees a social grouping as a means to further their individual goals; so it is purposive and future-oriented.
- Groupings around an arbitrary will are called **Gesellschaft** (society).
- Whereas the membership in a Gemeinschaft (community) is self-fulfilling, a **Gesellschaft (society) is instrumental for its members.**

A collage of five young women of diverse ethnicities, all smiling or laughing joyfully. They are dressed in casual, colorful clothing like patterned shirts and denim jackets. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blend of their faces.

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