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**1968 and its Impact on Social Work in Germany**

Social work recovered slowly in the post-fascist period in Germany from the fascist abuse or functionalisation - in the shape of folk care based on the ideology of Volk community - of the profession.

Therefore the paper situates in the first step social work in the history and political culture of Germany.

Secondly, it is shown that 1968 meant a break in the discipline and in the profession social work.

Thirdly, 1968 meant that social work got connected with social movements

- i.e. to some extent this meant it got explicitly politicised.