

**Libor Musil**

Faculty of Social Studies  
Masaryk University

*musil@fss.muni.cz*

## **(CZECH) VIEWS ON FUTURE OF SOCIAL WORK**

The contribution is devoted to three views on future of social work that have been published in the journal *Czech and Slovak Social Work* since 2005. To express specific standpoint of their protagonists the author calls the aforementioned views “conservative modernism”, “critical modernism” and “postlate modernism”. “Conservative modernism” follows the idea of “incomplete modernity” and calls for resolving undone personal and ethical tasks of modern social work. The “critical modernism” stress “destruction of secondary social protection bounds by reprivatisation of public services” and warns social workers off relying on approaches fitting the condition of state guaranteed social protection. “Postlate modernism” looks for “problem oriented multi-professional groupings” as an alternative to old-fashioned (and never-established) state-guaranteed monopoly to social work services. These three views are compared in terms of three questions: “What is their notion of social work development context?” “What is the picture of social work future by their protagonists?” “What risks to social work do imply their respective notions and drawings of future?”