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This issue presents a series of articles about social work education. With this section 'social work Education' being introduced, our aim has been to inform our readers about the most up-to-date dilemmas of a relatively new profession in Hungary. Most prominent authors teaching at different universities have given... about their methods and experiences in the field of social work education.

MIHÁLY NYILAS:

THE SWEDISH PENSION SYSTEM

The Swedish „institutional welfare model” is distinguished by its universalism, comprehensive level of social security, high

replacement rates of welfare transfers, and a maximum degree of public responsibility in welfare provisions and benefits. The economic, demographic and political trends of the last period all seem to imply new challenges for the statutory schemes for social benefits. The most serious constraints and demands for cutbacks are aimed at old-age pensions, which constitute the lion's share of the public transfer expenditures. After a short description of the Swedish pension system, the author focuses on the problems of the national supplementary pension scheme and suggestions towards a solution. The shift from public to „private” occupational schemes and individual insurance policies has been regarded in the Swedish ATP-pension debate as a way of diminishing the pressure on the public sector.