

IS CHILD PROTECTION SHAPING THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION?

VIEWS FROM USA, CANADA, EUROPE - AND ENGLAND



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- **Defining the social work task across boundaries to protect vulnerable children**
- **Professionalism and what we mean by it?**
- **Scale of optimism and pessimism**

Professionalism: The debate is won

Traits of professionalism:

- Self-regulation and self-improvement
- Registration and protected title
- Professional knowledge / expertise
- Professional identity

The debate about what precisely constitutes a profession has become sterile, unable to cope either with the changing nature of professional work or the diversity of occupational claims.(Eraut, 1995)

Where did I go and what did I see?

USA

Canada

Germany

Denmark

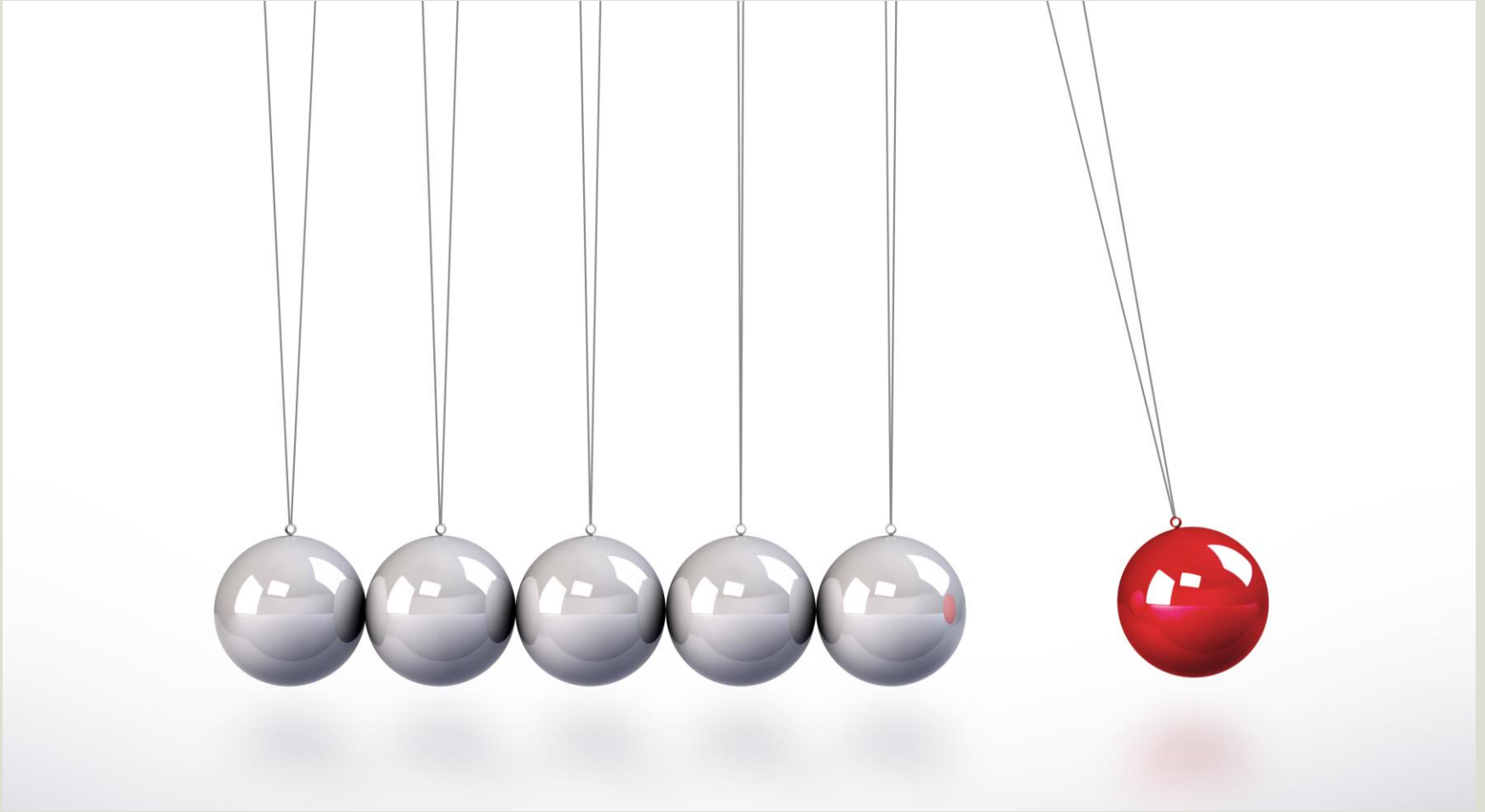
Sweden

Netherlands

Shardlow's five 'social works' + one

- Social care
- Social protection
- Social pedagogy
- Social development
- Social enterprise
- [Therapeutic social work]

Is it the biggy?



Final thoughts

On the optimistic / pessimistic scale

- Some things that have not gone away.....

BUT

- Social work reform programme
- Social work training initiatives
- TCSW – [+ BASW]
- Chief social workers
- Reviews of social work education

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