

## **SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITION IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

School-to-work transition (SWT) can be defined as a period lasting from few months to few years between graduating from formal education and the beginning of stable employment. This period is characterized by high labour market and employment mobility. During the SWT phase we frequently change jobs, lose jobs, get promotions. We also take important life decisions, about leaving the family house, moving abroad, starting own family. The smoothness of the SWT influences our entire life. We can easily imagine that the problems with finding a decent job at the beginning of the professional career will have negative consequences for our entire professional life. From this reason scientists carefully investigate the conditions of SWT since the knowledge how to improve the labour market entry process will help to avoid future problems. In this research we deal with few aspects of SWT. Firstly, we try to design new measures of SWT allowing to capture its dynamics and complexity. Secondly, we focus on some consequences of early job insecurity, e.g. how the problems with employment influence transitions into parenthood or how the employers, reading job applications, perceive the frequent job changes of candidates. Finally, we try to understand what models of SWT transition represent post-socialist countries.