

From Religious Death to Religious Health: the Sacred and the Secular Reinstated

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- 'The religious landscape of the United Kingdom is 'three dimensional': Christian, secular and religiously plural.' (Pantazis, 2005, *Time for a Change: Reconfiguring Religion, State and Society*, p.71, London: T & F Clark)
- that this is not a smooth evolutionary
- process; that each phase persists into the next; that 'multi-faith' embraces both religious and
- secular commitments (Woodhead, J., introduction in Woodhead, J & Catto, R. 2012, *Religion and Change in Modern Britain*, p.11, London: Sage)
- Different policy areas / Different directions / Different speeds

How to move forwards?

- A. Different disciplines
- B. Different nations
- C. Different policy areas

How to move forwards? (2)

Healthcare

- Bureaucratic
- Uniformly bio-medical approach
- Ambivalence towards religion
- Secularizing
- Lack/Poor of Religious Literacy

Social Action

- Grassroots
- Diversity of approaches
- Diversity of attitudes towards religion – ambivalence towards science
- Postsecularizing
- Good Religious Literacy – Bad Ontology

Conclusions

- Post-secular Paradox
- Legislation insufficient
- Religious Literacy ?
- Faith & Formation

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