

Abstract

This thesis deals with the transformation of secularization paradigm in the sociology of religion. According to classical social theory religion will lose its influence within the modernization processes of society. However, in the modern social theory we find different views on the position of religion in the society. This thesis deals with the status of religion on the background of pluralization of the society and individualization of human life. I especially focus on the concepts of pluralization and privatization of religion. In this context I present the ideas of P. L. Berger and Thomas Luckmann. Then I present the concept of the status of religion which appeared in the 80's of 20th century and contains the return of religion into public debates, the deprivatization of religion. This concept is illustrated by the thoughts of José Casanova. I use the thoughts of these authors to illustrate the transformation of reflection of religion between classical and modern sociology.