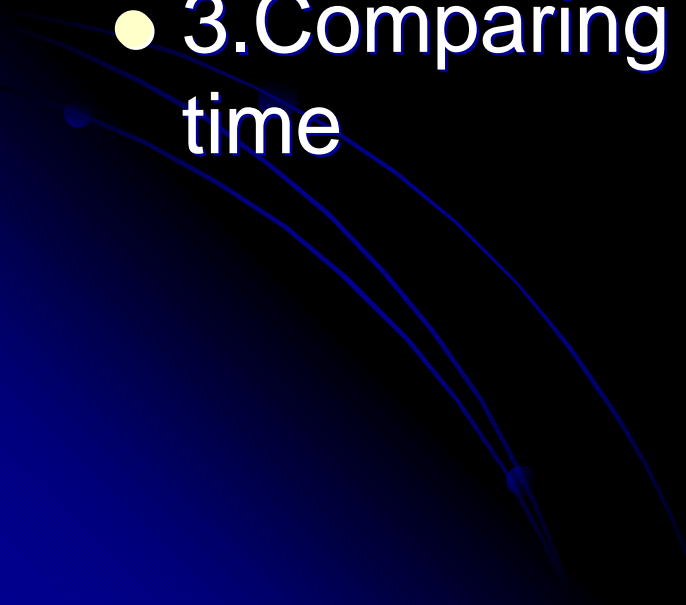


Comments panel VII

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3 key areas from the papers

- 1. The role of evidence-and in particular historical evidence
 - 2. The importance of the local level and of civil society
 - 3. Comparing reports and impact across time
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Area 1 : the importance of evidence

- The role of historical evidence –history can be used in a creative way.
- The possibility of a deeper history-from participants in this and other conferences.
- Need for interviews, oral histories of participants.

Area 2:the importance of the local level

- Growing emphasis in policy on local citizenship and partnerships
- Parallels here with community developments of the 1970s:can we learn from that history?
- Dangers now of bureaucratisation and lack of public engagement

Area 3 : comparing reports

- Comparing Black report (1980) and Marmot report now.
- ***Differences***-glossy now versus typescript then; political endorsement versus lack of support.
- ***Some things the same***: debates about evidence; key role of the media; important role of networks in achieving results.