

CALL FOR PAPERS
MICHAEL POLANYI AND THE POST-CRITICAL TURN

In June 2018, the Polanyi Society will sponsor a conference dedicated to exploring Michael Polanyi's contribution to the "post-critical turn" in late modern philosophy. The conference will assess the nature of this "turn," the relationship between this "turn" and other contemporaneous developments (e.g., postmodernism), and the enduring legacy and relevance of Polanyi's work. The conference will also be an opportunity for those beginning their study of Polanyi to interact with Polanyi scholars; graduate students are especially encouraged to attend.

The conference will meet 6-9 June 2018 (Wed-Sat) at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, WI (west of Milwaukee, just off of I-94). The nearest international airport is General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) in Milwaukee, about 45 minutes away; Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (ORD) is about two hours away. At the 2016 Nashotah conference, once information was available about who would arrive at what time at what airport, it was possible to arrange shared rides to the Nashotah campus, and we anticipate the same will be possible in 2018.

Polanyi's important term "post-critical" will provide a general organizing motif for the 2018 conference. What does it mean to be "post-critical?" Are there in fact a variety of "post-critical" projects and do such projects differ from "postmodern" projects? Two themes linked to the "post-critical" have been particularly prominent in recent discussion of Polanyi: (1) the place of Polanyi in modern Western intellectual history, including Polanyian ways of reading the intellectual history of the late modern West; (2) Polanyi's understanding of emergence and the constellation of themes associated with emergence.

This conference will also accommodate a wide range of other topics; a list below identifies several proposed themes in recent discussions. In sum, the 2018 Nashotah conference hopes to attract and draw together scholars with a wide variety of Polanyi-related interests and to link this North American conference with a similar conference in June of 2019 in Budapest, Hungary to be sponsored by the Michael Polanyi Liberal Philosophical Association.

- The Open Society and Its Enemies Revisited: Polanyi's Political Liberalism and the Future of European and American Political Culture
- Polanyi's Economic, Political and Cultural Criticism in Its Historical Context
- Mind, Meaning and Emergence: Polanyian and Other Perspectives
- Polanyi, the Arts and Aesthetics
- Polanyi on Education (assessment mania; purpose, aims, traditions; strategies used to provide education [e.g., residential, distance—both synchronous and asynchronous—and hybrid])

- Polanyi and Contemporary Science and Technology Studies
- Polanyi and Contemporary Ethics and Value Theory

Like the 2016 conference, the 2018 conference will include an opening workshop component designed for those new to Polanyi but also open to others. The workshop will likely use Polanyi's 1949 article, "The Authority of the Free Society" (copy provided) as its focal point of reference and then proceed to explore how Polanyi's post-critical turn evolved. The program following the Wednesday workshop will include sessions that incorporate a broader, comparative consideration of post-critical thought, investigating its significance today.

Paper proposals should be no more than 250 words, and can be sent to Andrew Grosso at atgrosso@icloud.com. The deadline for submission of proposals is Sunday, 31 December 2017. Proposals submitted after this date will be considered only if the schedule can accommodate additional presentations. Proposals will be reviewed and comments promptly returned.

Early-bird registration at a preferred rate (\$240 between 5 January 2018 and 2 March 2018) is encouraged. Regular registration is \$275 between 3 March 2018 and 9 May 2018 and late registration is \$300 between 10 May 2018 and 6 June 2018. Registration covers all conference sessions, including the workshop on Wed., and all meals. Registration does not include lodgings. A limited number of guest rooms will be available on the campus of Nashotah House, and can be reserved by contacting Kelly Medina (kmedina@nashotah.edu) at the Student Services Office; rates for on-campus guest housing range from \$50 to \$75 per night, and some rooms can be shared. Nearby hotels include the Hilton Garden Inn (3.3 miles from Nashotah House), Holiday Inn Express (4.7 miles from Nashotah House), and American Inn of Delafield (4.5 miles from Nashotah House), and others. A limited amount of financial aid is available for those unable to meet the cost of registration, accommodations, and travel. General inquiries about the conference and questions about financial assistance should be sent to Andrew Grosso at atgrosso@icloud.com.

[2018 Nashotah Conference Registration Form](#)