

BELOW IS A REDACTED VERSION OF THE ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR THE SIX ZOOM SESSIONS HELD JUNE 9-11, 2020. THE LAST ENTRY FOR EACH SESSION LISTED BELOW NOW PROVIDES LINKS FOR RECORDINGS OF THE SESSIONS. HOWEVER, THE RECORDINGS FOR THE BACK-TO-BACK SESSIONS ON JUNE 11 AND JUNE 12 ARE COMPONENTS OF ONE LARGE FILE. THE SECOND SESSION ON EACH OF THESE DAYS BEGINS APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE WAY THROUGH THE RECORDING.

THE RECORDINGS ARE UNEDITED RECORDINGS ON THE POLANYI SOCIETY WEB SITE. ALTHOUGH IT DEPENDS ON YOUR LOCAL MEDIA PLAYER, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY UNEDITED MP4 RECORDINGS (WITHOUT DOWNLOADING THEM) AND YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO “FAST FORWARD” THROUGH RECORDINGS. IF YOU RIGHT CLICK ON THE LINK AND USE “SAVE AS,” YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DOWNLOAD UNEDITED RECORDINGS TO YOUR LOCAL MACHINE.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS (E.G., MEDIA PLAYER YOU USE) THAT CAN AFFECT HOW WELL THESE RECORDINGS ON THE POLANYI SOCIETY WEBSITE WORK.

Nashotah Zoom Conference on Polanyi-Related Topics

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the June 9-11, 2020 Polanyi Society-sponsored conference “Post-Critical Philosophy and Social Theory” was cancelled. However, some papers and other elements of the cancelled conference were presented as online events beginning in the period originally scheduled for the conference in Nashotah, WI.

In most cases, presenters in Zoom sessions posted a paper that is available for downloading from the Polanyi Society website on this page.

11 a.m. US-Central Daylight Saving Time on Tuesday, 9 June 2020

Discussion of Michael Polanyi’s “Economics Education” Film with Gabor Biro

“Money Circles, Sensible Citizens and the Walt Disney of Economics” is a 21-minute talk (with PowerPoint slides) by Gabor Biro posted on YouTube at the following address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0HT6QO7jOM>

Biro, author of *The Economic Thought of Michael Polanyi* (2019), provides details about Michael Polanyi’s diagrammatic film on selected Keynesian ideas that Polanyi hoped would transform society as well as economics in the thirties and forties.

UNEDITED RECORDING OF THE SESSION WITH GABOR BIRO ON THE POLANYI SOCIETY WEB SITE:

<http://polanyisociety.org/Zoom9-12June20/Biro-9June20-zoom-sesssion.mp4>

11 a.m. US-Central Daylight Saving Time on Wednesday, 10 June 2020

Jon Fennell, [“Michael Polanyi and the Theologico-Political Problem”](#)

Polanyi declares that reason and revelation are so different in kind that they cannot conflict. Surprisingly, this denial of the theologico-political problem is the product of acquiescence to the very presuppositions that are the central target of Polanyi’s rejection of Cartesian systematic doubt. Fuller appreciation of Socratic rationalism supports Polanyi’s project while demonstrating the perennial salubrious tension between reason and revelation.

Dale Cannon, [“Comments and Questions About Jon Fennell’s Paper”](#)

UNEDITED RECORDING OF THE SESSION WITH JON FENNEL ON THE POLANYI SOCIETY WEB SITE: <http://polanyisociety.org/Zoom9-12June20/Fennell-zoom-session10June20.mp4>

11 a.m. US-Central Daylight Saving Time on Thursday, 11 June 2020

Robert Hyatt, “Trauma, Metaphor and Meaning”

Polanyian insights into the ways meaning is created within the arts provides a coherent perspective for understanding why and how the arts are useful in ameliorating the devastating effects of trauma. Recent discoveries by humanistically oriented practitioners of trauma therapy conform to, and helpfully extend, Polanyi's views of the relationship of mind and body.

Please download all three components:

[B. Austin, "The Monster Within" \(1-page poem\)](#)

Robert Hyatt, ["Polanyian Poetics: Commentary on 'The Monster Within'" \(3 pages\)](#)

Robert Hyatt, ["Polanyian Philosophical Resources for Mental Health Professionals Dealing with Trauma Related Pathologies" \(9 ½ page essay\)](#)

[Ellen Bernal Question for Bob Hyatt](#)

UNEDITED RECORDING OF THE SESSION WITH ROBERT HYATT ON THE POLANYI SOCIETY WEB SITE: <http://polanyisociety.org/Zoom9-12June20/Hayatt-Lowney11June20-f1.mp4>

RESPONSE FROM BOB HYATT TO PARTICIPANTS IN HIS SESSION:
<http://polanyisociety.org/2020Zoom/Hyatt-Response-8Aug20.pdf>

12:15 p.m. US-Central Daylight Saving Time on Thursday, 11 June 2020

Charles Lowney, ["Body-Knowing and Neural Networks: Is a Computer's Ability to Learn Human Skills a Victory for Reductionism?"](#)

Harry Collins believes that Collective Tacit Knowledge (CTK) is irreducible, but Somatic Tacit Knowledge (STK) is, in principle, explicable and reducible. Polanyi, in contrast, sees irreducibility in a *process* of tacit knowing that extends from bodily skills right up through linguistic and social skills. Using examples from Martial Arts, I first show how the body displays intentionality and innovation that Collins sees only at the CTK level. This, however, might not convince Collins because neural network computing machines are able to perform skillful tasks we once thought irreducibly human, e.g., driving a car. I show how Polanyi's structure of tacit knowing and learning is indeed modeled by these machines, but they also display irreducibility.

[Lowney Outline](#)

[Phil Mullins, “Comment and Question”](#)

UNEDITED RECORDING OF THE SESSION WITH CHARLES LOWNEY ON THE POLANYI SOCIETY WEB SITE: <http://polanyisociety.org/Zoom9-12June20/Hayatt-Lowney11June20-f1.mp4>

11 a.m. US-Central Daylight Saving Time on Friday, 12 June 2020

Phil Mullins, “Michael Polanyi’s ‘Social Capitalism’”

This presentation/discussion is one that leads into and complements the session which immediately follows it (15 minutes after the conclusion of this session). “Social Capitalism” was a 2200-word Michael Polanyi opinion piece (1946) that provocatively reflects some of Polanyi’s mid-century social and political ideas as well as his developing account of the history of economic ideas. Posted are both Polanyi’s short essay and a 10-page comment on a few interesting elements. The posting for the following session is a concise 1947 essay by Karl Polanyi.

Michael Polanyi, [“Social Capitalism,”](#) *Time and Tide*, 13 (April 13, 1946): 341-342.

Phil Mullins, [“Michael Polanyi’s ‘Social Capitalism’”](#)

UNEDITED RECORDING OF THE SESSION WITH PHIL MULLINS ON THE POLANYI SOCIETY WEB SITE: <http://polanyisociety.org/Zoom9-12June20/SocialCapitalism-KP-MP-panel-12June20.mp4>

12:15 p.m. US-Central Daylight Saving Time on Friday, 12 June 2020

Walter Gulick, Gus Breytspraak, and Phil Mullins, “Michael and Karl Polanyi”

Scholars interested in Michael Polanyi usually pay little attention to Karl Polanyi’s abundant writing and vice versa. Should this standoff end? These brothers read each other’s writings and communicated with each other. They are not, of course, always on the same page, but neither are they always “worlds apart.” This discussion aims to open up not only some of the connections

and disconnections between Michael's and Karl's thought, but to explore how each has insights that complement the thought of the other.

Karl Polanyi, "[Our Obsolete Market Mentality](#)," *Commentary* 3 (1947): 109-117.

UNEDITED RECORDING OF THE SESSION WITH GULICK, BREYTSBRAAK AND MULLINS ON THE POLANYI SOCIETY WEB SITE: <http://polanyisociety.org/Zoom9-12June20/SocialCapitalism-KP-MP-panel-12June20.mp4>
