

2021-2022 Polanyi Society Zoom Presentations/Discussions Call for Papers

This call for papers is an invitation to submit a proposal on a Polanyi-related topic (up to 300 words) to do a Zoom presentation at some point in late 2021 or 2022. No particular topics are being solicited; any ideas are welcome and will receive feedback from the Program Committee listed below that will review proposals.

The general objective affirmed by the October 2021 Polanyi Society Board of Directors Meeting is to continue to promote online a diverse set of presentations to those with interest in Michael Polanyi's thought. Proposals can focus on particular elements of Polanyi's thought and their interpretation and implications. Proposals can compare Polanyi's ideas and ideas of other figures, past or contemporary, philosophical or non-philosophical.

Presentations can involve more than one presenter but the focus in Polanyi Society-sponsored Zoom events is on discussion. Sessions have usually been about 1 1/4 hours in length. The presenter or presenters are expected to produce a short paper or material (e.g., a Polanyi text) that can be posted online two weeks prior to the Zoom session and reviewed beforehand by those who sign up to participate in the session. In the session itself, the presenter(s) should briefly summarize any conclusions in a posted paper. Most of the time in the session should be devoted to open discussion.

The Society has successfully sponsored several sets of Zoom meetings since June 2020 by adhering to guidelines outlined above. The recordings and materials for these sessions are posted elsewhere on the Polanyi Society website so sessions are available to anyone interested at a time other than the Zoom session time. Discussions in all sessions have been lively. These electronic gatherings have the advantage of including persons from outside the US, and they are far cheaper to run for attendees and the Society than in-person meetings.

If you have a suggestion for a topic for a Zoom presentation/discussion, please send it along. All Polanyi Society Zoom sessions will be announced on the Polanyi Society discussion list and on polanyisociety.org.

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