

## 2021 Polanyi Society Call for Papers March 23, 2021

This call for papers is an invitation to submit a proposal on a Polanyi-related topic (up to 300 words) for a paper to be presented at some point in 2021 or early 2022. No particular topics are being solicited; the goal is to make available for discussion any topic of interest to you concerning Polanyi's thought—its interpretation, implications, and relationships.

This request for papers is focused on a scholar's interest in presenting the paper on Zoom, as the following paragraphs explain, although other options are also possible. Proposals should designate which options should be considered by the review committee.

An in-person conference at Nashotah in the late spring of 2021 **will not** be held. An insufficient number of persons indicated an interest in attending to make an in-person conference financially viable; there remain many ambiguities about vaccination programs and that undoubtedly works against any in-person meetings in the near future. Yet many have indicated they regard it as important for the Polanyi Society to continue, from time to time, to sponsor in-person conferences. The occasion for informal discussion and experiences shared together is valuable. The Society is therefore presently planning an in-person conference at Nashotah in 2022 in the last week of May or the first week of June. The Society **will** likely sponsor several Zoom presentations/discussions in the first week of June 2021.

The Society has successfully sponsored several sets of Zoom meetings since June 2020, with the most recent in early March 2021. 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. Recordings of sessions are available on [polanyisociety.org](http://polanyisociety.org) so sessions are available to anyone interested at a time other than the Zoom session time. In particular, this call for papers invites proposals for Zoom presentations/discussions to be set up in 2021 and early in 2022.

The 2021 Board of Directors meeting for the Polanyi Society **will not** be an in-persons meeting but will be a Zoom meeting in October 2021. The American Academy of Religion recently approved the status of the Polanyi Society as a Related Scholarly Organization (RSO) in their five-year review. In November 2021, the AAR in-person annual meeting will be held in San Antonio. At present, we have **not** made a final determination as to whether the Polanyi Society will hold an in-person meeting in San Antonio. We must inform the AAR in June 2021 if we want space for a meeting in San Antonio. Therefore, if you wish to attend an in-person meeting of the Polanyi Society in San Antonio (probably on November 19), and especially if you would like to present a paper there, please **submit by May 1 your proposal** (or indicate that you would attend this in-person San Antonio meeting if offered). The decision about whether we will hold a meeting with the AAR in San Antonio will be announced by June 1.

Proposals for in-person meeting papers and Zoom presentations will be peer reviewed in the standard way. They are welcome any time. It has seemed best to organize Zoom presentations in groups, ideally on related themes. If there are times or general dates that are best for you, please so indicate. The Society is considering the possibility of organizing occasional Zoom sessions

on a particular topic or text as well as on papers; suggestions are welcome. All Polanyi Society Zoom sessions will be announced on the Polanyi-list and on [polanyisociety.org](http://polanyisociety.org).

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