

An Ambiguous Polanyi Society Call for Papers

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. No particular topics are being solicited; the goal is to make available for discussion topics concerning Polanyi's thought that you are interested in. At this point, **three alternative sites for delivery seem to be available:** (1) an in-person (with Zoom also possible) Nashotah conference **or** (2) an in-person annual meeting in November in San Antonio **or** (3) a Zoom presentation at a time to be arranged. This could take the form of a virtual annual meeting. Because the course of the pandemic and our responses to it are so uncertain, we are including the following statements about what we know in December 2020 for your consideration.

It appears a vaccine will become available in 2021 at different times in different places for different groups of people. Moreover, the Polanyi Society's status as a Related Scholarly Organization (RSO) with the American Academy of Religion (AAR) is currently being reviewed. We should know whether we are renewed by the end of March. These contingencies, combined with the relative success of Zoom meetings in June, September, and November of 2020, complicate any call for papers for 2021.

The Polanyi Society has taken the step of tentatively reserving space at Nashotah House for a possible three-day, in-person conference between Monday, 31 May 2021 and Friday, 4 June 2021. But a decision whether the Society will sponsor an in-person Nashotah meeting will not be made until March of 2021. Also, it is presently unclear if an in-person annual meeting (held in conjunction with the projected November 2021 in-person AAR meeting in San Antonio, TX) is feasible or advisable. But if such a meeting is held later in the year, it would likely be on November 19 and 20, 2021.

Proposals will be reviewed in the standard way by a small committee that will provide feedback. **Please indicate with your submission** which of the three possible venues listed in the first paragraph above you would most prefer and which you would not like considered. You are invited to submit a proposal on **any Polanyi-related topic** when you are ready. That is, there is at this point no definite deadline for submission, but **the sooner you submit, the better** for our planning. As venues and necessary deadlines become known, they will be communicated on the Polanyi Society web site and through the Polanyi-list. Please understand that negotiations about time and venue will be the order of the day.

Please send proposals to Walter Gulick (WGulick@msubillings.edu).