

“Polanyi, Kahneman, et. al.: Judging Judgment.”

Zoom Sessions on January 15 and 22, 2022

In 2018, Dick Moodey made a presentation at a Polanyi Society annual meeting on Michael Polanyi and Daniel Kahneman, based on Kahneman’s *Thinking, Fast and Slow*. A revised version of Moodey’s annual meeting paper will be published in the February 2022 issue of *Tradition and Discovery*. Kahneman, Sibony and Sunstein have subsequently published *Noise, A Flaw in Human Judgment*, a lengthy extension of the earlier book’s inquiry into impediments to and ways to improve judgment.

The Polanyi Society will sponsor Zoom discussions (two complementary one-hour sessions, on January 15, and 22, 2022 beginning at 11 a.m. CST) on the topic “Polanyi, Kahneman, et. al.: Judging Judgment.” The focus will be on things Kahneman and his collaborators have said that either complement and add to things important in a Polyanian frame of reference or are at odds with a Polyanian frame of reference.

Anyone interested can participate in these Zoom sessions; simply e-mail both Gus Breytspraak gus.breytspraak@ottawa.edu and Phil Mullins (mullins@missouriwestern.edu) and you will receive by e-mail the link and password for the sessions. It is **not** imperative that participants labor through the 454 pages of *Noise*.

A manageable selection of materials relevant to ideas developed in the books are posted below. Participants are invited to read, view, or scan written reviews and video interviews under these links. However, many of the other resources online may equally serve to provide an orientation to the issues treated by Kahneman, Sibony and Sunstein.

These Zoom sessions will be led by three primary discussants: Dick Moodey, Gus Breytspraak (with backgrounds in social theory and special interest in Polanyi) and Richard Ludlow (an ER physician with interdisciplinary interests and special interest in Polanyi).

Excerpts from Dick Moodey’s forthcoming (February 2022) TAD article [“Polanyi and Kahneman: Judging and Deciding”](#) (5 pages).

[Wikipedia overview/review of *Noise*](#) (with many links to particular topics) plus a few comments on other reviews (4 pages).

[A YouTube video interview with Kahneman, Sibony and Sunstein](#) discussing themes in *Noise*. This is a 45-minute video but it is easy to skip around.