In June 2024, the Polanyi Society will sponsor a conference for the purpose of (1) assessing recent efforts aimed at demonstrating the abiding relevance of Polanyi’s thought, (2) providing those interested in Polanyi with an opportunity to reconnect following the hiatus prompted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and (3) providing those beginning their study of Polanyi an opportunity to interact with experienced Polanyi scholars.

The conference will meet 4-7 June 2024 (Tue-Fri) at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, WI (west of Milwaukee, just off of I-94). The nearest international airport is General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) in Milwaukee, about 45 minutes away; Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport (ORD) is about two hours away.

The conference will begin with a one-day workshop (on 4 June) for those interested in an introductory survey of Polanyi’s thought. Senior Polanyi scholars will facilitate various sessions on Polanyi’s life and the principal ideas in his major works. Those new to Polanyi studies, especially graduate students, are encouraged to participate in this workshop.

The Society invites proposals for papers on a range of topics related to Polanyi’s thought (e.g., epistemology, semiotics, aesthetics, embodiment, emergence, intellectual history, socio-political order, economics, etc.). Initial proposals should be no more than 250 words, and can be sent to Jon Fennell (jfennell@hillsdale.edu). The deadline for submission of proposals is Friday, 1 March 2024. Proposals submitted after this date will be considered only if the schedule can accommodate additional presentations.

Early-bird registration opens Monday, 15 January 2024, and will be $250. Regular registration opens Friday, 1 March 2024, and will be $275. Late registration opens Saturday, 4 May 2024, and will be $300. Registration include access to all sessions and meals at the conference itself. Further details regarding registration are available at the Society’s website (polanyisociety.org).

Registration does not include lodgings. A limited number of rooms will be available on the campus of Nashotah House; rates for on-campus housing range from $65 to $100 per night, and some rooms can be shared. Contact Andrew Grosso (atgrosso@icloud.com) to register for on-campus housing. Nearby hotels include the Hilton Garden Inn (3.3 miles from Nashotah House), Holiday Inn Express (4.7 miles from Nashotah House), AmericInn of Delafield (4.5 miles from Nashotah House), and others.

A limited amount of financial aid is available for those unable to meet the cost of registration, accommodations, and travel. For more information, please contact Andrew Grosso (atgrosso@icloud.com).

Additional information regarding the schedule for the conference, lodging, and other details will be available on the website for the Polanyi Society (polanyisociety.org).