Convivium is a newsletter which provides information about research into the work of Michael Polanyi. However, it has a wider aim than this, for Michael Polanyi is above all a heuristic thinker who has instigated new ideas in many areas of thought. We are, therefore, also interested in research developing within the spirit of his 'post critical' philosophy.

This first edition provides you with the names and addresses of researchers in these fields as well as information about articles published and ongoing research. In later editions we hope to provide you with further information from subscribers as well as short reviews of articles, etc., and provide you with a bibliography of Polanyi's work in the humanities. In order to make this possible we would be pleased to receive information about research from subscribers as well as short reviews of articles suitable for publication. The main purpose of the newsletter then is to provide interested persons with a communications network by which they can communicate their work and interests to others. We also intend to provide you with information about any meetings or conferences that may be arranged within our field of interest.

A sister organisation 'The Polanyi Society' exists in the U.S.A., and we will also include any relevant information which arises from their news bulletin.

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Obituary

We are sorry to inform subscribers of the death of Mr. George Polanyi. Mr. Polanyi attended the conference from which the newsletter arose and was an enthusiastic supporter of its intentions.

Recent Publications

Paul Feyerabend, How to Defend Society Against Science, Radical Philosophy, Summer 1975.

Criticises Karl Popper's doctrine of falsification. He points out Popper's criteria for deciding on whether a theory can be considered part of science are "clear, unambiguous, precisely formulated," but science is not like this. The science Popper is concerned with is an imaginary idealised science not actual science. Feyerabend also criticises the theory of Kuhn and Lakatos as far too vague.

Paul Feyerabend. Against Method, New Left publications, 1975 In this work he develops the same theme as in his article.


Oakeshott returns to the theme he first started in Experience and its Modes, Cambridge, 1933, and can be considered the most important statement of his views. Of particular interest are his views on politics and morality and political education. Oakeshott has a number of views which are similar to Polanyi, for instance, his concept of learning and return of tradition but nevertheless examines some of the same problems as Polanyi from a different point of view.

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