

POST-CRITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL THEORY
JUNE 9-11, 2020 Nashotah House Conference
Call for Papers

In June 2020, the Polanyi Society will sponsor a conference dedicated to exploring the abiding relevance of Michael Polanyi's philosophical work, and in particular his social thought. Many of the socio-political and cultural dynamics of the early 21st century invite a reconsideration of the principles and practices that contribute to the maintenance of liberty, solidarity, and constructive pluralism. This conference will explore the enduring relevance of Polanyi's philosophy for all such efforts, and will also include papers dedicated to other dimensions of Polanyi's work.

The Society invites proposals for papers that examine Polanyi's social and political thought, its development, and its relationship to other aspects of his work; comparative studies that examine Polanyi's thought alongside that of others are welcome. The Society also encourages proposals on any topic related to Polanyi studies; the conference will accommodate presentations on a range of subjects. Initial proposals should be no more than 250 words, and can be sent to Andrew Grosso at (atgrosso@icloud.com). The deadline for submission is Thursday, December 31, 2019; proposals submitted thereafter will be considered only if the conference schedule allows it.

The first sessions of the conference (the afternoon of June 9) will be dedicated to discussion of selections from Polanyi's writings that set forth his thoughts on social dynamics. Senior Polanyi scholars will facilitate collaborative discussions about these texts, and these conversations will provide a framework for the rest of the conference.

There will also be a pre-conference seminar for graduate students and those new to Polanyi studies beginning in the afternoon of June 8 preceding the conference opening session on the afternoon of June 9. This seminar will provide an introductory overview of Polanyi's life and philosophy, and will focus on Polanyi's philosophy of science and its roots in his ideas about skills and articulation, subsidiary and focal awareness, and tacit knowing (see the entry on the pre-conference seminar immediately below this call for papers).

The conference will convene at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, WI (west of Milwaukee). The nearest 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. It is possible to take the train from O'Hare to General Mitchell and arrange transportation to Nashotah. As with other recent Polanyi Society sponsored summer conferences, the June 2020 conference will be organized to be a comparatively inexpensive academic conference which cultivates what Polanyi called "conviviality" and serious conversation.

Registration fees include access to all conference sessions and all meals. Early-bird registration is \$250 and opens Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Regular registration is \$275, and opens Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Late registration will be \$300, and opens Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Registration does not include accommodations; a limited number of rooms will be available at Nashotah House, and there are several affordable hotels within five miles of Nashotah House. Guest rooms on campus (with rates ranging from \$50 to \$75 per night, and some rooms can be shared) can be reserved by contacting Kelly Medina at (kmedina@nashotah.edu). Nearby hotels include the Hilton Garden Inn (3.3 miles away), Holiday Inn Express (4.7 miles away), and

AmericInn of Delafield (4.5 miles away).

A limited amount of financial aid is available for those unable to meet the cost of registration, accommodations, and travel. For more information about financial assistance or other questions, please contact Andrew Grosso at (atgrosso@icloud.com). Updated information regarding the conference will be posted on the Society's website (polanyisociety.org) and will also be in the online-only "News and Notes" in the February 2020 issues of *Tradition & Discovery*.