

PREFACE

We have a full and diverse issue that leads off with a forum addressing the current crisis of democracy in the United States. Several Polanyi scholars were invited to reflect on the recent election and its aftermath from a Polanyian perspective. In the seven responses published here, you will see some overlapping diagnoses and a range of possible responses, all of which serve to illustrate the continuing fruitfulness of Polanyi's ideas.

In addition, Alessio Tartaro identifies seeds in Polanyi's early writings that flower into his fully developed understanding of tacit knowledge. Walter Gulick explores alternatives to the concept of "field" that Polanyi introduces at the end of *Personal Knowledge*. Phil Mullins interviews Sheldon Richmond, a philosophically trained systems analyst, whose latest book is *A Way Through the Global Techno-Scientific Culture*. Martin Turkis II offers an extended analysis of Elizabeth Grosz's, *The Incorporeal: Ontology, Ethics, and the Limits of Materialism* and Bruce Vojak reviews *Essays in Post-Critical Philosophy of Technology*.

We hope that people are finding their way around the now online only version of *Tradition and Discovery*. As always, there is more to be found at www.polanyisociety.org, including the latest iteration of News and Notes.

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