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What do we publish?

TAD publishes both essays that have gone through a process of blind peer review and editorially reviewed solicited materials (such as review articles, book reviews, thematic issues, and invited addresses from Society meetings).

Since Michael Polanyi was a polymath whose writings contributed to many fields, the journal publishes scholarly essays which engage Polanyi’s work and its implications for a wide range of studies, including, but not limited to, aesthetics, chemistry, economics, ethics, intellectual history, literature, medicine, political and other areas of philosophy, psychology, sociology, and theology.

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Early issues contained diverse material such as announcements about and reports on Society meetings, membership lists, bibliographic data, book reviews and short essays, some of which was reprinted from *Convivium: The United Kingdom Review of Post-critical Thought* (the publication of the United Kingdom counterpart to the Polanyi Society whose name was also Convivium). Beginning in the fall of 1983, articles and reviews became the major content of *Tradition and Discovery*.

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