PREFACE

This last issue of the 2021 publishing cycle comes full circle. We opened 2021 with a forum on Gábor Bíró’s book, *The Economic Thought of Michael Polanyi* and we close with further comments from Eduardo Biro and a response from Bíró.

Before we get to that topic, however, we first offer commentary on *The Calling of Social Thought*, a book on the work of Edward Shils edited by Christopher Adair-Toteff and Stephen Turner. Struan Jacobs and Peter C. Blum review the book and Turner responds. To find out what Shils has to do with Polanyi, be sure to read these essays.

Finally, Alessio Tartaro continues his analysis of how Polanyi’s thought develops over time, this time examining Polanyi’s early criticism of positivism.

As always, be sure to check out www.polanyisociety.org for the latest news about meetings, scholarship of interest, and other happenings. Remember, too, that the deadline for submitting dues for 2022 is December 31, 2021.

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