2012 Polanyi Society Conference
Connections/Disconnections: Polanyi and Contemporary Concerns and Domains of Inquiry

Call For Papers

The Polanyi Society will sponsor a conference in early June of 2012. Negotiations for the exact dates and place are still pending, although, like the 2008 Polanyi Conference, this will likely be a three-day conference June 8-10, 2012, at Loyola University, Chicago. Conference participants will have the opportunity to spend a morning at the Regenstein Library of the University of Chicago reviewing the archival Polanyi materials held there. The conference will include several plenary speakers or panels as well as parallel sessions in which conference participants present and discuss papers with others interested in the session’s particular topic. This will be a conference that builds in many opportunities for discussion and, like recent Polanyi Society-sponsored conferences, is open to persons using Polanyi-related ideas in a number of fields.

Proposals are invited for papers that examine the themes of post-critical thought in the context of the new century. The following are some suggested general categories within which specific papers might be grouped. [Please do not think of these categories as a limit for submissions but as a springboard for your own reflections. The final program will reflect groupings adjusted in light of proposals submitted.]

· Polanyi As Public Intellectual: Cultural Criticism and Reorientation in the New Global Order
· Redeeming Reason: Does “Personal Knowledge” Have a Future in a Partisan World?
· Polanyi in the Light of Developments in Psychology (and vice versa)
· Polanyi’s Work in Relation to Current Accounts of Organizations, Institutions and Authority
· Doubt and Commitment in the Postmodern Environment
· Religion and Science: Polanyi and Current Discussions
· History and Philosophy of Science: Polanyi and Current Discussions
· Contemporary Politics and Economics in Polanyian Perspective (and vice versa)
· Polanyi and the Rediscovery of Embodiment
· Language, Learning and Logic—Polanyi and Current Discussions
· Trust, Truth and Conscience: Polanyian Communal Values and Contemporary Culture
· The Good Society: Polanyi and Current Challenges
· Pluralism: Does Polanyi Help Us Address Current Interest in and Problems Associated with Diversity?
· Can Polanyi Speak to a Digital Age?
· Resources in Polanyi for Theological Reconstruction in the Face of Fanaticism and Secularism
· Skills, Practice and Virtue—Polanyian Links
· Polanyi on the Importance of the Beautiful
· Polanyi’s Antireductionism and the Logic of Emergence
· Proposals for panel presentations are invited

Proposals should be 250-300 words and will be reviewed by a panel of jurors. Send an electronic copy of the proposal without your name on it as an attachment to Phil Mullins at mullins@missouriwestern.edu. In the body of the e-mail, provide a preferred mailing address (or fax number) as well a phone number. The initial deadline for receipt of proposals is October 1, 2011. If there is space on the program, those who do not meet the October 1 initial deadline can submit proposals before the final deadline of March 30, 2012. Priority consideration will be given to proposals meeting the October 1 deadline. If the proposal is for a panel, the full panel needs to be identified and one member designated as the primary contact. A panel proposal should outline why a discussion of this topic is important. Future issues of TAD and a later posting on the Polanyi Society web site will provide additional conference information.