15th International Karl Polanyi Conference

The Role of the State in the post-COVID 21st Century

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
April 21-24, 2021

Conference Program

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2021

9:00 Opening Remarks

- **Marguerite Mendell**, Director, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy and Distinguished Emeritus Professor, School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University.
- **Grahm Carr**, President and Vice-Chancellor, Concordia University, Canada.
- **Andreas Novy**, Director, International Karl Polanyi Society, and Professor, Institute for Multi-Level Governance and Development, WU Vienna University of Economics, Vienna, Austria.
- **Attila Melegh**, Director, Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies and Professor, Institute of Sociology and Social Policy, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary.
- **Won-Keun Song**. Chair of the Research Committee, Karl Polanyi Institute Asia (KPIA), Seoul Director of Research Institute on Social Economy (RISE), and Professor, Department of Economics, Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, Republic of Korea.

9:30 Break

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Plenary # 1: The State as Actor of Transformation - Coping with a Crisis. Lessons from the Past for the Present: New Deal and U.S. War Economy

- **Michael Brie**, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Germany.
- **Dieter Klein**, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung and Member, Willy-Brandt-Kreis, Germany.
- **Steffen Lehndorff**, University of Duisburg, Germany.
- **Chair: Marguerite Mendell,** Concordia University, Canada.

11:00 Break

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Plenary # 2: From the Globalization Trilemma to the Political Trilemma of a Social-Ecological Transformation

- **Dani Rodrik**, Harvard University, USA.
- **Andreas Novy**, WU Vienna University of Economics, Austria and International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.
- **Facilitator: Cornelia Staritz**, University of Vienna, Austria.

12:15 Break

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Panel # 1: Reading Polanyi: Fascism, Culture, Guild Socialism and the State

- **Kristopher Millett**, Concordia University, Canada. *On the Meaning and Contemporary Significance of Fascism in the Writings of Karl Polanyi.*
- **Aman Banerji**, Cornell University, USA. *Culture & Commodification: New Economic Sociology, Hostile Worlds, and the specter of Polanyi.*
- **Sang Hun Lim**, Kyung Hee University, Republic of Korea*. Karl Polanyi's Guild Socialism and the Local Social Economy.*
- **Paula Valderrama**, Freie Universität, Germany. *State Power in Polanyi's Work: Emancipation or Serfdom?*
- **Chair: Margaret R. Sommers**, University of Michigan, USA.

Panel # 2: State, Market and Migration from a Polanyian Perspective (Part I)

- **Gareth Dale**, Brunel University, UK. *Marx, Polanyi and Europe's Migration Crisis*.
- **Ulf Brunnbauer**, University of Regensburg, Germany. *Socialism and the Vicissitudes of Opening-Up*.
- **Savas Michael-Matsas**, Writer and Aristotelian University, Greece. *Covid 19 Pandemic, Global Systemic Breakdown, and Migration Crisis*.
- **Annamária Artner**, Institute of World Economics (ELKH) and Milton Friedman University, Hungary. *Will the Covid Change the Nature of Capitalism?*
- **Chair: Attila Melegh**, Corvinus University and Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies, Hungary.

14:00 Break

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Keynote Address

- **Robert Kuttner**, Brandeis University and Co-Editor, *The American Prospect*. *The Stakes, 2021: Economic Democracy in Crisis Times.*
- **Chair: Andreas Novy**, WU Vienna University of Economics, Austria and International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.

15:15 Break

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Panel # 3: Fictitious Commodities and COVID-19: Culture, Labor and Decommodification

- **Bon-Woo Koo**, Chung Ang University, Republic of Korea and **Joo-Hyoung Ji**, Kyungnam University, Republic of Korea. *Karl Polanyi's Theory of Fictitious Commodity and Cultural Political Economy of Institutions*.
- **Mario Seccareccia**, University of Ottawa, Canada and **Eugenia Correa**, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico. *The "Polanyi Moment", Decommodification of Labour and the Struggle for Full Employment: How the COVID-19 Crisis Has Opened the Debate over the Nature of the "Fictitious" Labour Market in Both the Industrialized and Developing World.*
- **Geoff Goodwin**, London School of Economics, UK. *Decommodification: State and Non-State Responses to Covid-19 in Comparative and Historical Perspective*.
- **Chair: Michele Cangiani,** Università Ca' Foscari, Italy.

Panel # 4: From Aristotle to Subcomandante Marcos. Ilona Duczynska and the State in the Age of Artificial Reality.

- Presentation by **András B. Göllner**, Concordia University, Canada.
- **Chair: TBC**.

16:45 End of Day One

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021

10:00

Panel # 5: Risk Governance and the State in the Post-COVID 21st Century

- **Chris Hurl**, Concordia University, Canada and **Alia Nurmohamed**, Concordia University, Canada. *Infrastructures as Markets for Collective Concerns: Risk Allocation, Value for Money and Public Private Partnerships.*
- **Mathieu Charbonneau**, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Concordia University, Canada. *Polanyi, Uncertainty and Risk Management: The State and Insurance in the Era of COVID-19.*
- **Joel Z. Garrod**, St. Francis Xavier University, Canada. *Making Global Property: COVID-19, the Blockchain, and the Role of the State.*
- **Ketra Schmitt**, Concordia University, Canada and **Elisabeth Gilmorel**, Clark University, USA. *Contestable Risk and Scientific Expertise.*
- **Orit Halpern**, Concordia University, Canada. *Resilient Natures.*
- **Chair: Mario Seccareccia**, University of Ottawa, Canada.

Panel # 6: Digital Capitalism and the Pandemic

- **Julianna Faludi**, Corvinus University, Hungary and **Michelle Crosby**, Corvinus University, Hungary. *Profit Shifting, Automation and the Double Movement*.
- **Ilias Alami**, Maastricht University, The Netherlands and **Adam D. Dixon**, Maastricht University, The Netherlands. *Uneven and Combined (State) Capitalism.*
- **Chikako Nakayama**, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan. *Money as a Means of Payment in International and Communal Context of our Age.*
- **Chair: Beverly Best**, Concordia University, Canada.

11:30 Break

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Keynote Address

- **Quinn Slobodian**, Wellesley College, USA. *Globalism and its Enemies after the Pandemic*.
- **Chairs: Kari Polanyi Levitt**, Professor Emerita, McGill University and Honorary President, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Canada and **Marguerite Mendell**, Director, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy and Distinguished Emeritus Professor, School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University, Canada.

12:45 Break

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Plenary # 3: Global-National Responses to COVID-19

- **Claus Thomasberger**, University of Applied Sciences, Germany. *Global Threats – National Answers? Some Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
- **Srinivas Junuguru**, GITAM University, India. *The COVID-19 Pandemic and Its Effects on International Relations.*
- **Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba**, Carleton University, Canada and **Cory Blad**, Manhattan College, USA. *Re-negotiating Existence: The State and Public Good in Post COVID-19 Era.*
- **Chair: TBC.**

14:15 Break

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Panel # 7: Roundtable on Market/Place: Exploring Spaces of Exchange

- **Philip Ashton**, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA.
- **Christian Berndt**, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- **Dan Cohen**, Queens University, Canada.
- **Mark Harvey**, University of Essex, UK.
- **Jamie Peck**, University of British Columbia, Canada.
- **Erica Schoenberger**, John Hopkins University, USA.
- **Chair: Norma Rantisi**, Concordia University, Canada.

Panel # 8: Basic Income, Livelihood, and Democracy in the Post-Pandemic Era

- **Marcia Solorza**, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico. *The Insufficiency and Ineffectiveness of Basic Income as a Response to the Problems of Falling Job Creation, Social Inequalities, and Poverty.*
- **Stephen Quilley**, University of Waterloo, Canada. *Livelihood and the Post-COVID Economy.*
- **Jerome Warren**, University of Cologne, Germany. *A Cooperative and Open Source Path to Achieving Post-Neoliberal Democracy.*
- **Garam Lee**, Yonsei University, South Korea. *Which to Save First, Market, People, or Society? - Revisiting Polanyi in the Era of COVID-19 Pandemic Reactions.*
- **Chair: Michael Brie,** Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Germany.

16:00 End of Day Two

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

9:00

Panel # 9: Neoliberalism, Emancipation and the Pandemic in Latin America

- **Ruth Muñoz**, General Sarmiento National University, Argentina and **Anabella Zamora**, General Sarmiento National University, Argentina. *Public Policies for Social and Solidarity Economy in Argentina during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Preliminary Reflections from the INAES Case.*
- **Jan Lust**, Universidad Ricardo Palma, Peru. *The Continuity of the Neoliberal State in Peru*.
- **Sebastián Sclofsky**, California State University, Stanislaus, USA and **Kevin Funk**, Trinity College, USA. *Saving COVID Patients or Neoliberalism? Uruguay's Success and the Rhetoric of Crisis.*
- **Ivette Carrascal**, Universidade da Integração Internacional da Lusofonia Afro-brasileira (UNILAB-Campus dos Malês), Brazil. *Critical consumption and political emancipations: trajectories of the Community Supported Agroecology in Brazil.*
- **Chair: Paula Valderrama**, Freie Universität, Germany.

Panel # 10: State, Market and Migration from a Polanyian Perspective (Part II)

- **Noémi Katona**, Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary. *Pearls and Heroines from the East: Transnational Care Migration in Europe as an Unequal Exchange.*
- **Petra Ezzeddine**, Charles University, Czech Republic and **Zuzana Uhde**, Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic. *Care Corridors': Dual Bordering Process of Care Migration in Central Europe.*
- **Dóra Gábriel**, Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, Hungary. *Coping With Care Scarcity and Institutional Deficiency in Rural Hungary.*

- **Attila Melegh**, Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies and Corvinus University, Hungary. *From Socialist Mixed Economies to a Market Utopia. The Contradictions Related to Migration*.
- **Chair: Chedly Belkhodja,** Concordia University, Canada.

10:30 Break

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Plenary # 4: The Changing Role of the State: What Does it Mean for Europe?
- **Laszlo Andor**, FEPS Secretary General and former European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Belgium.
- **David Mair,** Head of Unit H1, Knowledge for Policy: Concepts and Methods, Joint Research Center (JRC) of the European Commission, Belgium.
- **Pier Carlo Padoan**, Member of the Italian Parliament, Italy. (To be confirmed).
- **Albena Azmanova**, University of Kent, UK. (To be confirmed).
- **Chair: David Rinaldi**, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium.

12:00 Break

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Keynote Address
- **Ann Pettifor**, Prime. Policy Research in Macroeconomics, UK. *Can Societies Challenge and Transform the State's Role in Creating, Resourcing and Protecting Today's Global Capital Markets?*
- **Chair: Fred Block**, University of California at Davis, USA.

13:15 Break

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Plenary # 5: Roundtable on The COVID-19 Pandemic: Putting the Economy in its Place or Putting Democracy at Risk?
- **Margaret Abraham**, Hofstra University, USA.
- **Michael Burawoy**, University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- **Klaus Dörre**, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Germany.
- **Maria Markantonatou**, University of the Aegean, Greece and Board Member, International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.
- **Chair: Brigitte Aulenbacher**, Johannes Kepler Universität, Austria and Vice-President, International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.

15:00 Break

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Panel # 11: Civil Society and the State before and after Covid. Opposition or Collaboration?

- **Dimitri Roussopoulos**, Black Rose Books, Canada. *Limits to Reciprocity in COVID Capitalism*.
- **Ebru Işıklı**, Boğaziçi University, Turkey. *Demonstrations in the Healthcare Sector – Before and after Covid-19 Pandemic.*
- **Chedly Belkhodja**, Concordia University, Canada and **Cassandre Gratton**, Concordia University, Canada. *Beyond the State? Hospitality and Migration in a post-COVID World.*
- **Chair: Norma Rantisi**, Concordia University, Canada.

Panel # 12: Debt, Precarity, Financialization

- **Rebecca Boyd**, Concordia University, Canada. *Help Yourself!: Self-Help Books and the Individualized Neoliberal Subject.*
- **Marius Senneville**, Concordia University, Canada. *The Dragon and the Ant: Ant Group's Cancelled IPO and the Tradeoffs of the Fintech Industry Within China's Economic Rebalancing Policy*.
- **Leah Barrett Werner**, Concordia University, Canada. *A Necessary Risk; a case for (Universal) Basic Income as Permanent Post-Pandemic Policy*.
- **Chair: Chris Hurl,** Concordia University, Canada.

16:30 End of Day Three

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

9:00

Plenary # 6: Book Presentation - *"Karl Polanyi – The works and life of an epochal thinker" and "Karl Polanyi – Von der entfesselten Wirtschaft zur solidarischen Gesellschaft*"

- **Andreas Novy**, WU Vienna University of Economics, Austria and International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.
- **Maria Markantonatou**, University of the Aegean, Greece and International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.
- **Marguerite Mendell**, Concordia University, Canada.
- **Claus Thomasberger**, University of Applied Sciences, Germany and International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.
- **Chair: Brigitte Aulenbacher**, Johannes Kepler Universität, Austria and International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.

10:00 Break

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Plenary # 7: The Shadow Pandemics of Covid-19: Gender-Based Violence, Crippling Debt and Attacks on Civic Space. A Civil-Society Perspective

- **Tinebeb Berhane**, Country Director, ActionAid Ethiopia.
- **Mandeep Tiwana**, Chief Programmes Officer, CIVICUS.
- **David Archer**, Head of Public Services, ActionAid International.
- **Chair: Julia Sanchez**, Secretary General, ActionAid International, and Chair, Board of Directors, CIVICUS.

11:15 Break

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Keynote Address

- **Sheila Foster**, Georgetown University Law Center, USA. *The New Era of Glocalism*.
- **Chair: Margie Mendell,** Concordia University, Canada.

12:30 Break

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Plenary # 8: Care and Care Work: The COVID-19 Pandemic, the Limits of the Market and the Question of Social Responsibility

- **Michael Fine**, Macquarie University, Australia. *When Care Homes Failed. Polanyian Perspectives on COVID-19 and the Marketisation of Care.*
- **Brigitte Aulenbacher**, Johannes Kepler Universität, Austria and International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria. *COVID-19 and Care: the Limits of the "Market Society" and the "Machine Age" as Turning-Point to New Care Responsibilities?*
- **Joan C. Tronto**, University of Minnesota, USA. *Rethinking Polanyi on Responsibility: Taking Care into Account.*
- **Chair: Andreas Novy**, WU Vienna University of Economics, Austria and International Karl Polanyi Society, Austria.

14:00 Break

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Plenary # 9: Climate Emergency in the Post-Pandemic Era

- **Michele Cangiani**, Università Ca' Foscari, Italy. *If Pandemic Is a Symptom, What is the Disease?*
- **Attila Antal**, Eötvös Loránd University, Hugary. *The Climate and Ecological Emergency in the Era of State of Exceptions.*
- **Nadjib Abdelkader**, Independent Researcher, France. *Can we envisage greater international cooperation, a global Green New Deal, in response to the warnings of the UN*

IPCC that the world has ten years to avoid the irreversible impact of climate change? Or will governments return to national agendas as countries struggle to rebuild their economies?

- **Chair: Gareth Dale,** Brunel University, UK.

15:30 Closing Remarks.

Video Presentation

Kristopher Millett, Concordia University, Canada. Report on Research Project *Insights into the Reception of the Work of Karl Polanyi*.

The video will be available for viewing on the Conference website from Wednesday, April 21 to Sunday, April 24.