Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

A Celebratory Conference



The Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy invites you to a conference in honour of Kari Polanyi Levitt's 100th birthday.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Concordia University
1455 de Maisonneuve West, Room H- 1220

Conference Program

9:00 – 9:10
Welcome Remarks

Marguerite Mendell, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy and Professor Emerita, School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University, Canada.

Christine Dewolf, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science, Concordia University, Canada.

9:10 – 9:15
Video Capsule: "In her own words." **Kari Polanyi Levitt**.
(*The short video will be available to a wider audience*).

9:15 – 10:45



Kari Polanyi Levitt's Contributions to Canadian Political Economy and to Caribbean Political Economy

Chair: **Marguerite Mendell**, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy and Professor Emerita, School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University, Canada.

Duncan Cameron, Department of Political Science, Simon Fraser University, Canada. **Creativity in Canadian Political Economy: the Legacy of Kari Polanyi Levitt.**

Bryan Khan, University of the West Indies, Trinidad. **Connecting the Dots: Plantation Economy as a Nexus of Development Discourse.**

Michael Witter, Kari Polanyi Levitt's colleague and friend. **Prospects for Model 4 in the 2020s.**

Steven High, Department of History and Founding Member, Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling, Concordia University, Canada. **Kari Polanyi Levitt's Silent Surrender and the Study of Deindustrialization.**

10:45 – 11:00 - Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30



Kari Polanyi Levitt's Contributions to Political Economy, Economic Development Theory, the History of Economic Thought and to Critical Perspectives on Contemporary Society

Chair: **Daniel Salee**, Department of Political Science and School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University, Canada.

Ayse Bugra, Emeritus Professor of Political Economy, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey. **What I wanted to talk with Kari during the last two decades: The legacy of national developmentalism and social policy.**

Mario Seccareccia, Department of Economics, University of Ottawa, Canada. **Celebrating Professor Kari Polanyi Levitt's Achievements in Political Economy: A Former Student's Perspective.**

Michèle Rioux, Faculté de science politique et de droit, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada. **Kari and her 10 decades and beyond.**

James Galbraith, Professor, The University of Texas at Austin, United States. **A brief tribute to Kari Polanyi.**

12:30 – 13:45 – Lunch



13:45 – 14:00

András B. Göllner, Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science, Concordia University, Canada. **Kari's Ilona Project.**

** Photograph: Ilona Duczynska. Kari Polanyi Levitt's mother and wife of Karl Polanyi.*

14:00 – 15:30



Round Table:
The Two Polanyis: Kari and Karl

Chair: **Claus Thomasberger**, University of Applied Sciences, Berlin, Germany.

Marguerite Mendell, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy and Professor Emerita, School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University, Canada.

Attila Melegh, Founding Director of Karl Polanyi Center for Global Social Studies between 2014-22, Hungary.

Michael Brie, Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin, Germany.

Michele Cangiani, Associate professor of economic sociology, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, (retired).

Brigitte Aulenbacher, Professor of Sociological Theory and Social Analyses at the Johannes Kepler University, Linz, and Vice-President of the International Karl Polanyi Society, Vienna, Austria.

15:30 – 16:30

A Birthday Celebration
Cake and refreshments with Professor Kari Polanyi Levitt



The conference is free of charge
Registration is mandatory
Deadline for in-person attendance: June 1
Deadline for on-line participation: June 12

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