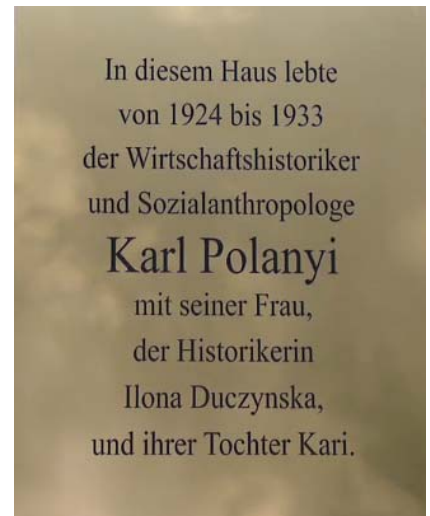


THE RETURN OF KARL POLANYI TO VIENNA

On the afternoon of August 20, 2015, a small crowd of friends, colleagues, and residents gathered in front of the entrance to Vorgarten-203 in Vienna to witness the unveiling of a plaque noting the former residence of Karl Polanyi and Ilona Duczynska. The long overdue return of Karl and Ilona Polanyi to Vienna was initiated by Christoph Deutschman, German sociologist and frequent visitor to Vienna. In his comment at the unveiling, he mentioned that on many visits to Vienna he noted that many such plaques were dedicated to the memory of musicians, writers, actors and other cultural figures, but none to the eminent economic historian, Karl Polanyi. With support of the German and Austrian Sociological Association, and the invaluable assistance of Professor Jörg Flecker, head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Vienna, all bureaucratic and other obstacles were overcome. The plaque reads: *"In this house lived from 1924 to 1933 the economic historian and social anthropologist Karl Polanyi with his wife, historian, Ilona Duczynska, and their daughter Kari."*



Kari Polanyi opened her remarks by declaring that she was a child of Red Vienna. Although she had no siblings, she was never lonely. She recalled every day of the week in February 1934 when the government attacked and defeated the workers of Vienna. Shortly after this, she was sent to England while her mother remained in Vienna for another two years to assist the Schutzbund in resistance to the Austrian brand of Fascism.

Before unveiling the plaque, Kari closed her remarks by noting her good fortune of having parents, each very different and independent-minded but sharing a socialist philosophy of life. She recalled the fitting tribute paid to them by György Dalos as The Fidelity of Equals.

After introductory remarks by Profs. Flecker and Deutschmann, tributes were paid to the enduring importance of the work of Karl Polanyi by the following members of the academic community: Theresa Fibich (University

of Vienna); Alan Scott (University of Innsbruck); Sandor Striker (University, Budapest); Andreas Novy (Vienna University of Economics and Business); Tatjana Thelen (University of Vienna); and Sigrid Stagl (Vienna University of Economics and Business). Ilona Duczynska was briefly remembered by her biographer, Veronika Helfert (University of Vienna). Elisabeth (Liesl) März recalled that her father, economic historian Eduard März, grew up in this house before immigrating in 1938. Finally, Georg Wiesinger, rural sociologist addressed the audience as a current tenant of VorgartenStresse 203. At its conclusion of the speeches, Wingrit and Anton Tolpeit graciously opened their home to all and any and provided light refreshments.



The event was reported in Vienna's popular cultural weekly, *Verfalter*, with a large picture of the unveiling of the plaque. Following the ceremony, participants were invited to share a meal at a neighbourhood restaurant overlooking the river Danube.

<https://vimeo.com/138376317> (password: polanyi).



DOCUMENTARY FILM : ABE ROTSTEIN AND THE "WEEKEND NOTES"

"In the early 1950s, Abraham Rotstein was a student of social theorist Karl Polanyi. In this unique interview, Rotstein recalls his encounter with the author of "The Great Transformation" and how he was fascinated by Polanyi's critique of the free-market utopia. A story of friendship and intense intellectual stimulation."



We invite you to view the documentary, produced by film maker, David Nadjari, based on an interview filmed at his home in October 2012. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJ_cya5IY1g



Karl Polanyi Institute Asia Cooperative (KPIA)

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Seoul Metropolitan Government, the Karl Polanyi Institute, and the Planning Committee of Karl Polanyi Institute Asia led to the creation of the The Karl Polanyi Institute Asia Cooperative (KPIA). The agreement was signed in Seoul in November 2014 by Professor Margie Mendell, Director of the Institute, Won Soon Park, Mayor of Seoul, Reverend Kyong-Yong Song, Chairman of the Planning Committee, and Dr. Graham Carr, Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, Concordia University. The mission of the Karl Polanyi Institute Asia is to broaden the influence of the work of Karl Polanyi throughout Asia, and to generate dialogue and research on the social economy in Korea and throughout Asia. Dr. Alan Shepard, President, Concordia University and Professor Kari Polanyi Levitt attended the opening ceremony of the KPIA in Seoul, Korea on April 24th, 2015.



In his congratulatory remarks, the Mayor of Seoul, Won Soon Park, highlighted the relevance of Karl Polanyi's ideas for the future of the region, "...The achievements we made by only looking ahead and rushing toward industrialization and democratization, which we accomplished faster than any other country, were nothing more than displays of our ultimate incompetence, helplessness, and impudicity, showing

our lack of awareness of the value of a new society and imagination. It was Antonio Gramsci who said, 'The crisis consists precisely in the fact that the old is dying and the new cannot be born.' Everyone maintains that we are in a crisis. Yet the "new" that we need to replace or change the old, has shown no sign of emerging. Since "crisis is just another name for opportunity," we have to turn this crisis into a "great transition" to a new society and new civilization. Karl Polanyi has given us the motivation to develop new ideas and a new model of societal development..."



KARL POLANYI RESEARCH CENTER FOR GLOBAL SOCIAL STUDIES, BUDAPEST

The Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies at Corvinus University, Budapest was established in April of this year, to "... promote comparative and interdisciplinary studies with a global perspective at the intersection of economics, sociology and international relations, simultaneously analyzing global and local dynamics and their interconnectedness. [Their] aim is to scrutinize historically evolving transnational linkages, persistent inequalities and conflicts between social groups, communities and various regions of the world..." Visit their [Web Site](#) or follow them on [Facebook](#) to learn about their activities.



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EUROPEAN KARL POLANYI PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY

Awarded bi-annually by the German Sociological Association

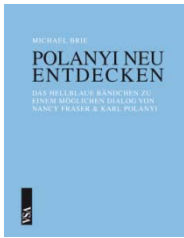
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This prize was awarded most recently in 2014 to Professor Gertraude Mikl-Horke, emerita of the Economics and Business University of Vienna, for a monograph entitled "Historische Soziologie - Sozioökonomie - Wirtschaftssoziologie" ["Historical Sociology - Socioeconomics - Economic Sociology"], published by VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

Previous winners of this prize were in 2012 Sophie Mutzel for "Koordination von Märkten durch narrativen Wettbewerb" ["Coordination of Markets through Narrative Competition"], published in the Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie; in 2010 Andreas Langenohl for "Finanzmarkt und Temporalität" [Financial Market and Temporality] (2007, Lucius and Lucius: Stuttgart); and the first of these prizes to be awarded was given in 2008 to Patrick Aspers for "Wissen und Bewertung auf Märkten" ["Knowledge and Evaluation on Markets"], published in the Berliner Journal für Soziologie.



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