5) Correspondence, 1898-1989

The extensive collection of letters, both hand-written and typed, document Karl Polanyi's professional activities, as well as private life. Karl Polanyi's correspondence contains incoming and outgoing letters, arranged in chronological order.

Karl Polanyi's private correspondence contains letters with relatives and friends. Among those are letters with his brother Michael Polanyi, his wife Ilona Duczynska, his daughter Kari Levitt, family friends Beatrice de Waard, Irene Grant, Felix Schafer, P. I. Painter, Hans Zeisel, Zsofia Polanyi, Edith Szécsi, among others.

The official correspondence includes letters with Institute of International Education, universities (mainly University of London, Oxford University, Princeton University, University of California, Bennington College, and Columbia University), editors, publishers, solicitors (Wachtell, Manheim & Grouf), colleagues and students. His extended correspondence with colleagues and students, that mainly relates to the interdisciplinary project during the Columbia years, includes people such as G. Dalton, P. Bohannan, A. Rotstein, W. C. Neale, M. I. Finley, M. E. Polakoff, A. L. Oppenheim, C. M. Arensberg, H. W. Pearson, P. F. Drucker, T. Hopkins, P. Meadow, R. Arnold and many others. Very important also are letters between Karl Polanyi and György Lukács, R. H. Tawney, Oskar Jászi, R. Maclver, or Julius Lewy, R. Arnold, R. Shlesinger, K. Muir, E. Fromm and many others.

There is also correspondence addressed to Ilona and Kari after Karl Polanyi's death in 1964.

Correspondence: Karl Polanyi, 1909-1970

Files also include letters to and from Ilona Duczynska.

Files: 47-1 to 47-15, 48-1 to 48-7, 49-1 to 49-5, 50-1 to 50-4, 51-1 to 51-5, 52-1 to 52-4, 53-1 to 53-3, 54-4 to 54-6 (undated letters), 55-1, 56-4, 56-6, 56-10 to 56-11, 58-13.

Correspondence: Ilona Duczynska and Kari Levitt, 1964-1989

Files: 53-4, 54-1 to 54-3, 55-2 to 55-4, 55-6 to 55-8.

Correspondence, other colleagues 1907-1973

Files: 55-5, 56-7.

Correspondence: family (including letters after Karl Polanyi's death), 1898-1978

Files: 56-1 to 56-3, 56-5, 56-8, 56-12, 57-2 to 57-8, 58-1 to 58-7, 59-1 to 59-5 (Letters between Kari, Ilona and Karl).

Correspondence, close friends, 1929-1980

Files: 56-13 to 56-15 (Irene and Donald Grant), 57-1, 58-8 to 58-12.