

ENVS 291 Political Ecology Working Group, Fall 2006

Karl Polanyi's The Great Transformation:
Embeddedness, the market, and society

Time: Monday 5-6:30PM

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This seminar uses Polanyi's seminal work, The Great Transformation as a starting point to discuss broader themes of embeddedness, the market, and society. Understanding the debates surrounding these themes is important for a critical engagement of many different social science literatures including political ecology. Collectively we will decide how best to address these themes throughout the quarter by including additional readings and invited speakers.

Course requirements: Each participant will lead at least one discussion

October 2

Polanyi, Karl. The Great Transformation. Foreword by Joseph Stiglitz, Introduction by Fred Block, Part One, The International System. Pages 3 – 32.

October 9 - Sean Gillon and Brian Dowd

Polanyi, Karl. The Great Transformation. Part Two: Rise and Fall of Market Economy – I. Satanic Mill – Pages 35 – 135.

October 16 - Michelle Olsgard and Ana Spalding

Polanyi, Karl. The Great Transformation. Part Two: Rise and Fall of Market Economy – II. Self-Protection of Society – Pages 136 – 217.

October 23 - Leah Samberg and Diana Stuart

Polanyi, Karl. The Great Transformation. Part Three: Transformation in Progress – Pages 231 – 268.

October 30 – TBA

Silver B. and G. Arrighi 2003. Polanyi's "Double Movement": The Belle Epoque of British and US Hegemony Compared. *Politics and Society*, 31(2): 325-55.

November 6 – TBA

Hess M. 2004. "Spatial" relationships? Towards a reconceptualization of embeddedness. *Progress in Human Geography*, 28(2): 165-186.

Lie J. 1991. Embedding Polanyi's Market Society. *Sociological Perspectives*, 34(2): 219-235.

November 13 – TBA

November 20 – TBA

November 27 – TBA