

# Great Transformations: Karl Polanyi and the Critique of Market Society

2-6pm Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2005

Session 1: Markets and Society in the 'New Economy'  
2.00- 3.30pm

Paschal Preston, DCU

"Polanyi and Contemporary Models of Socio-Technological Transformation"

Seán Ó Riain, NUIM

"Karl Polanyi, the Double Movement, and Global Informational Capitalism: Understanding the Software Industry"

Session 2: The Politics of Poverty and Inequality  
4.00-5.30pm

Mark Blyth, Johns Hopkins University

"Equality versus Efficiency - What Trade Off?"

Peadar Kirby, DCU

"Karl Polanyi and Human Livelihood: Contributions to Some Contemporary Debates"



At the end of the Second World War, Karl Polanyi wrote *The Great Transformation* – a searing critique of global markets and their damaging effect on society, and a powerful argument for the re-assertion of social regulation of market activity. Today, these arguments are more relevant than ever and the papers in this symposium explore the continuing relevance of Polanyi's ideas to understanding the growth of a global information economy and the growing global divide between rich and poor.



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