

Follett Talks – Call for Presenters

The Mary Parker Follett Foundation (follettfdn.org) is planning to host a regular series of Zoom discussions that would be based around presentations offered on any subject related to Mary Parker Follett or her work or inspired by Follett's philosophy and relevant the themes of meaningful participatory democracy, "power-with" management, diversity, conflict resolution, and leadership.

The Follett Talks would be two hours in duration. Generally, the Talk would begin with a PowerPoint-supported presentation with a length of 30-45 minutes, followed by a Q&A period for the presenter, followed by an open discussion. Talks will be moderated by a volunteer moderator.

Talks will likely take place one Saturday per month, most likely in the morning, US time.

Presentations will likely be recorded, with links provided on the Foundation website.

If you are interested in proposing a Follett Talks presentation, please send the following to mshapiro@follettfdn.org:

- The tentative title of your presentation
- A summary of the presentation
- How your presentation is Follett-related, Follett-inspired, or Follett-"adjacent"
- Some information about you (and any co-presenters)
- When (what month in 2025 or 2026) you will be ready to do your presentation

If you might be interested in helping to moderate Follett Talks (which may include troubleshooting any Zoom call issues), please let us know as well.

About the Name: The name "Follett Talks" is provisional. We may keep it or we may change it. We may discuss this in the first couple of calls.

Appreciation to the International Society for Systems Sciences and their "Mini-Symposia" program for inspiring the format for Follett Talks.