Obtaining an Organic certification is a protective reaction to the perception of many negative effects of agriculture.

Background
• Polanyian scholars have identified the organic movement as a “counter-movement” to perceived negative effects of agriculture
• However there are many contradictions in the actions of countermovement participants.

Objective
• To identify if Canadian certified organic producers show a Polanyian reaction to negative economic, social and environmental impacts of agricultural markets.

Results
• Many dimensions of agriculture are identified as problematic
• The organic certification is perceived as reducing some problematic elements of agriculture
• Surveyed organic producers are looking for more governmental interventions on social and environmental dimensions

Discussion
• Policies that directly offer protection and regulate market should be specifically developed to be coherent between the various dimensions of a problematic aspect in agriculture