

Thursday, 3 March
19:30 Lecture
Monique David-Ménard
The Animism of Modern
Property

Friday, 4 March
14:00-18:30 Workshop
with:
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Symposium
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The Social Life of Things

in English

Objects are produced and exchanged, desired and transferred. While they can be said to condense and contain the 'real' of social relations, they never become fully transparent. Instead, problematizing oppositions between the inside and the outside, the subjective and the social, they are media for social relations and conflicts, as well as media that help constitute and transform subjects with their singular desires and forms of enjoyment. How are objects differently constructed and animated by the social and the individual? In what sense do moderns remain animist in their relation to the unconscious and to notions of ownership and property? Engaging with Monique David-Ménard's book *La Vie sociales des choses: L'Animisme et les objets* (2020), this symposium seeks to explore how the always local opacity of objects entangles psychoanalysis and anthropology, philosophy and politics.

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