Early Modern Things Workshop

January 29 & 30, 2010
Levinthal Hall, Stanford Humanities Center

Friday, January 29
Registration 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

First Session: Making Things 9:30 - Noon
Session Chair, Daniel Stolzenberg, University of California, Davis
Chandra Mukerji, University of California, San Diego, “Costume, Context, and Character: Material Order and Social Analysis in the Sixteenth-Century Geography of Nicolas de Nicolay”
Pamela Smith, Columbia University, “Making Things: Techniques and Books in Early Modern Europe”
Jessica Riskin, Stanford University, “The Unquiet Clock”

Second Session: Empires of Things 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Session Chair, Londa Schiebinger, Stanford University
Marcy Norton, George Washington University, “Animals as Objects in the Spanish Empire”
Mark Peterson, University of California, Berkeley, “The World in a Shilling: Silver, Coins, and the Challenges of Empire in Seventeenth-Century Boston”
Alan Mikhail, Stanford University, “Anatolian Timber and Egyptian Grain: Things That Made the Ottoman Empire”

Third Session: Global Commodities 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Session Chair, Jan DeVries, University of California, Berkeley
Carla Nappi, University of British Columbia, “Surface Tension: Objectifying Ginseng in Chinese Early Modernity”
Erika Monahan, University of New Mexico, “Locating Rhubarb: Early Modern Russia’s Relevant Obscurity”

Saturday, January 30
Registration 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Session: The Circulation of Things 10:00 - Noon
Session Chair, Morten Steen Hansen, Stanford University
Corey Tazzara, Stanford University, “Capricious Demands: Strategies of Artisans and Consumer Behavior in Seventeenth-Century Florence”
Luca Mola, University of Warwick, “The Invention and Marketing of New Objects in Renaissance Italy”
Evelyn Welch, Queen Mary College, University of London, “Furs, Feathers, and Folding Fans: Material Goods in Early Modern Hands”

Fifth Session: The Value of Things 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Session Chair, Caroline Winterer, Stanford University
Morgan Pitelka, Occidental College, “The Shogun and His Things: Tokugawa Ieyasu (1543-1616) and the Agency of Objects”
Julie Hochstrasser, University of Iowa, “Stil-staende dingen’: Picturing Objects in the Dutch Golden Age”
Amanda Vickery, Royal Holloway, University of London, “Fashioning Difference in Georgian England”

Roundtable Discussion 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Session Chair, Bissera Pentcheva, Stanford University
Renata Ago, University of Rome “La Sapienza”
Timothy Brook, University of British Columbia

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