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Biographies of Materials

at the Crossroads between Natural Sciences and Humanities

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4-5th March 2018, 9.30am-4.00pm Maison Française

The overall purpose of this conference is to engage historians in a dialogue with materials scientists in order to better characterize the hybrid life of materials as natural entities and social or economic agents. The biographical metaphor emphasizes the singularity of various materials and additionally favours narratives of the entanglements of environmental cycles (depletion of natural resources, pollution) with human societies and economies.

Speakers:

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