

# Conservation in Conversation. Hybridity, Entanglement, and the Material Life of Things

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Scales and Spaces*  
Introduction: Professor Dominique Poulot

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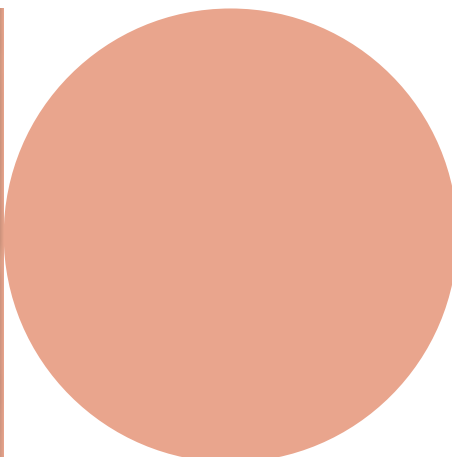
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*How can we approach the material life of things through different time periods or continents? Is heritage hybrid by nature? In this lecture, I will consider different case studies and medias, from painting in 18<sup>th</sup> century France to sculpture in 21<sup>st</sup> century Hawaii, including a partly Japanese commode. I will argue that the notion of entanglement is a productive way to identify the physical changes and political issues at stake.*

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Adam Weisweiler, *Commode*, ca. 1790