Humans have been making things since, well, we became human. In the relationship between humans and things, who is the master and who is the slave? For Professor Smail, the question has particular relevance in a world marked by a warming climate and environmental degradation. In this lecture, he will offer deep historical perspectives on one of the most burning questions of our time.

Professor Smail’s research concentrates on deep human history and the history and anthropology of Mediterranean societies between 1100 and 1600. He currently studies transformations in the material culture of later medieval Mediterranean Europe using household inventories and inventories of debt recovery from Lucca and Marseille.

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