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# Immateriality and Things

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Immaterial things are a bit nonsensical. How can 'things' which are thought of as solid and tangible be also immaterial? What can the relationship possibly be between the two and why should such relationships exist and what is at stake in insisting on them? This talk will examine some relevant examples of this problem across time and cultures and consider this issue in relation to new emergent technologies such as rapid-manufacturing, which call into question this relation between the immaterial and things and the basic distinctions we make between people and things.

4pm, Thursday, June 7th 2007  
Cordingley Lecture Theatre  
Humanities Bridgeford St. Building

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