Methodological Questions : How to Study Objects in Anthropology?

Objects are very often forgotten by anthropologists and sociologists. But some of them have shown their crucial importance in social life. In this communication, I would like to question the place and the role of the objects in ethnographical research by using the approach and some of the results of the "sociology of objects". I will compare the uses, the significations and the material properties of two different objects which are very used in mareans ceremonies and in domestic life: banknote and yams. How the ethnographer should take in account the material specificity of these objects in his study? In what ways do their process of fabrication play a role in social life? What does a real analyse of the material properties of the objects can change in anthropological science?