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## BOURDIEU'S ILLUSIO: WHEN THEORY, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHNOGRAPHY MEET

**Wednesday 15 May**  
**9:30 – 11.00am**

### Speakers

Professor Ghassan Hage  
University of Melbourne

### Location

Kambri Precinct  
Marie Reay 4.02, ANU

**Registration not required**

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### About the Lecture

In this paper I will explore Bourdieu's concept of *illusio* and examine various moment where I found it helpful in thinking my ethnographic material with it. The examples will highlight the various potentialities and meanings of this analytical concept. I aim to exhibit the way theory can be deployed to illuminate ethnographic material but also the importance of theoretical flexibility and the way theoretical concepts are transformed and expanded in contact with ethnography.

### About the Speaker

Ghassan Hage is professor of anthropology and social theory at the University of Melbourne. His research and writing is on the anthropology of nationalism, racism and multiculturalism, on the anthropology of transnational Lebanese migration, and on critical anthropological theory,

with a particular interest in the work of Pierre Bourdieu. His most recent works are *Alter-Politics: Critical Anthropological Thought and the Radical Imagination* (2015) and *Is Racism an Environmental Threat?* (2017).

**This seminar is presented as part of the Anthropology seminar series, organised by the School of Archaeology & Anthropology and the School of Culture, History and Language.**

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