



## USING PHILOSOPHIES IN THE THEORETICAL FRAMING OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

*A free one-day conference (all welcome) co-sponsored by  
The Australian Association for Research in Education  
The Melbourne Graduate School of Education*

**Friday 29 May, 9am – 5pm @ Melbourne Graduate School of Education  
Starting in Lecture Theatre Q230, on level 2 of 234 Queensberry Street**

*Please register so that we can manage attendance and send updates:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/educationaltheoryconference>*

When **educational researchers** engage with philosophies, and in particular **philosophies of education**, it is to support investigation of specific research questions by:

- 1) outlining a **theoretical framework** which situates the phenomenon/problem/issue;
- 2) outlining a **methodology** which clarifies the methods applied.

This conference draws on input from **experts in the field of educational research** who have spent years dealing with these theoretical questions.

Opening the conference is **Professor David Beckett** (Melbourne Graduate School of Education). The two keynotes at the conference will be delivered by **Professor Peter Roberts** (University of Canterbury) and **Professor Lyn Yates** (Melbourne Graduate School of Education).

The parallel sessions at the conference (two streams of 90 minutes) will each involve 45 minutes of recorded input (video or phone interviews conducted specifically in preparation for this conference) from one of **Professor Michael Apple** (University of Wisconsin-Madison), **Professor Gert Biesta** (Brunel University London), **Professor Penny Enslin** (University of Glasgow), **Professor John Hattie** (Melbourne Graduate School of Education), **Emeritus Professor Nel Noddings** (Stanford University), **Professor Michael Peters** (University of Waikato), **Professor Richard Pring** (University of Oxford), **Professor Paul Smeyers** (Catholic University of Leuven). *Each 45 minute recording will be focused on the issues of theory identified above. Following this presentation a further 45 minutes of facilitated discussion will ensue, structured as a community of inquiry aimed at investigating the examples provided and the detailed issues raised.*

**This conference is free to all who wish to attend. We look forward to welcoming academics and research students from near and far. Please register using the link above.**

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