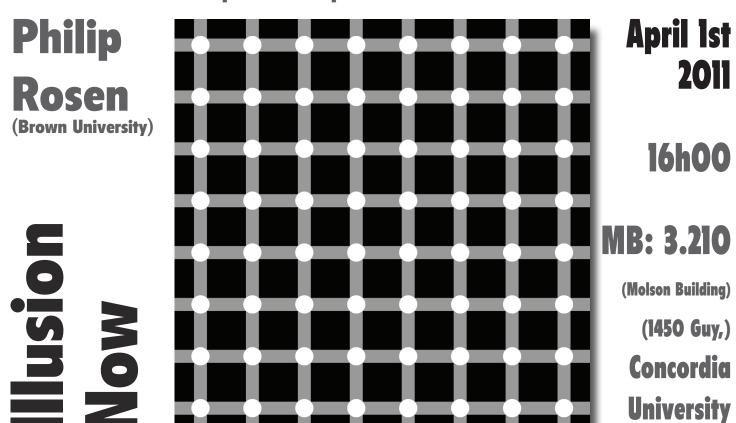


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Notions of illusion have been important in the history of thinking about film. The term has been used on a variety of levels ranging from perception (of movement, of depth in the image) to cultural and ideological critique. Do recent developments, such as the historical proliferation of digital media and the surprising surge of theoretical interest in indexicality, enable us to resituate the question of filmic illusionism? This talk considers the contemporary status of the concept of illusion, in relation to the longer history of film theory as well as recent political-cultural critique.

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