

# Let's Talk About Revenge!

## Retributive Emotions, Justice, and Moral Repair

International Conference at Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen (KWI,  
Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities)

July 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

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### Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

18:00 Welcome Dinner (optional)

### Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

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09:15 – 09:30 Maria-Sibylla Lotter (Ruhr-Universität Bochum):  
Welcome and Introductory Remarks

#### **Panel I: New Perspectives on Revenge – in Philosophy, Ethics, and Religion**

09:30 – 10:35 David Konstan (New York University):  
Vengeance and Emotion

*Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:30 Roger Berkowitz (Bard College, NY):  
Revenge and the Art of Justice

*Short Break*

12:15 – 13:15 Fabian Bernhardt (Freie Universität Berlin):  
A Story of Eclipse: Revenge in Modern Philosophy

13:15 **Lunch**

15:00 – 16:05 Alice McLachlan (York University):  
Civil Revenge

*Coffee Break*

16:30 – 18:05 Oliver Hallich (Universität Duisburg-Essen):  
Revenge vs. Retribution

*Short Break*

18:15 – 19:00 Panel I: Concluding Discussion

19:30 **Dinner**

## Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

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### **Panel II: Practices of Revenge – Criminal Law, Retaliation, and Institutionalized Revenge in Different Cultural Settings**

09:15 – 10:20 Tatjana Hörnle (Max-Planck-Institut, Freiburg):  
Veiled or Sublimated Revenge? On the Discussion in the Theory of Criminal Law

*Coffee Break*

10:45 – 11:40 Günther Schlee (Max-Planck-Institut, Halle):  
Revenge in the Context of Collective Identification?

*Short Break*

12:00 – 13:05 Bernadette Descharmes (Technische Universität Braunschweig):  
There are Two Sides to Every Story: Revenge and Cohesion in Classical Athens

13:05 **Lunch**

14:45 – 15:30 Panel II: Concluding Discussion

*Coffee Break*

### **Panel III: Narratives of Revenge – Destructive Emotions, Retribution, and Poetic Justice in Arts and Media**

16:00 – 17:05 Juliane Prade-Weiss (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München):  
Ta(l)king Revenge: The Scandal of Lament in Tragedy and other Modernizations

*Short Break*

17:15 – 18:20 Saskia Fischer (Leibniz Universität Hannover):  
“Kill them now, or later?” Vengeful Women and The Arts

19:00 **Dinner**

## Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

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- 09:00 – 10:05 Sebastian Schirrmeister (Universität Hamburg):  
Nekome: Revenge in Post-Shoah Jewish Writing  
*Coffee Break*
- 10:30 – 11:35 Christiane Voss (Bauhaus Universität Weimar):  
Creativity and Repetition of Revenge from a Film-philosophical  
Perspective  
*Short Break*
- 11:40 – 12:45 Daniel Illger (Freie Universität Berlin):  
A Pyramid of Skulls? “The Last of Us II” and the Poetics of the  
Frontier: Revenge in Video-Games  
*Short Break*
- 12:50 – 13:30 Concluding Discussion of the Conference
- 13:30 **Lunch**
- 15:00 End of Conference