

# Assumption of Risk in Athenian Law

Presented by the Workshop in Ancient Mediterranean Studies



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Dr. Phillips is a specialist in ancient Athenian law, and his recent publications include a reassessment of the legal definition of hubris in his contribution to *The Topography of Violence*, edited by Werner Riess and Garrett G. Fagan, and a discussion of the legal ramifications of pollution brought on by homicide in the proceedings from a conference on Greek and Hellenistic legal history in Portugal in 2015.<sup>1</sup> In this seminar, he will be telling us about his recent work on “Assumption of Risk in Athenian Law,” which has just been published.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Phillips, David D. “Xenophon and the Muleteer: Hubris, Retaliation, and the Purposes of Shame,” In Riess, Werner and Garrett G. Fagan, eds., *The Topography of Violence in the Greco-Roman World*. Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 2016; Phillips, David D. “Notes on Pollution and Jurisdiction in Athenian Homicide Law. Response to Stephen Todd,” In *Symposion 2015: conferências sobre a História do Direito grego e helenístico* (Coimbra, 1-4 Setembro 2015), Wien: Verlag der österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, [2016].

<sup>2</sup> Phillips, David D. “Assumption of Risk in Athenian Law,” in D. P. Kehoe and T. A. J. McGinn, eds., *Ancient Law, Ancient Society*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press (2017), pp. 46-65.