



PROFESSORIAL INAUGURAL LECTURE IN PHILOSOPHY

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GOOD GUILT, BAD GUILT: AN EXPLORATION

This lecture will be a precis of a book in progress co-written with Charlie Kurth (Clemson). The topic is guilt and it is a crossover book, i.e. aimed both at a philosophical and a popular audience. I discuss various theories of the origin of guilt, more precisely evolutionary accounts and Nietzsche's genealogical account. We argue that guilt is a kind of invention, built out of empathy and social constraints. I also discuss our central idea of guilt as own-it rather than did-it guilt. This new way of looking at guilt comes from taking more seriously the guilt seen in disaster survivors, survivors of abuse, and guilt in mental illness.



Thursday 28 May 13:15-15:00
Auditorium 3, Tåsingegade (Building 1441)
Open to all and followed by a reception.

