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Anger, Powerlessness, and the Politics of Blame

**Prof. Martha C. Nussbaum
University of Chicago Law School**

Public lecture followed by reception

**Wednesday, 19 December 2018, 5.15 pm
University of Zurich, Karl Schmid-Strasse 4, 8006 Zurich
Room KO2-F-180**

Workshop (registration necessary)

**Thursday, 20 December 2018, 2 – 5 pm University
of Zurich, Rämistrasse 59, 8001 Zurich
Room RAA-G-01**

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Martha C. Nussbaum received her BA from NYU and her MA and PhD from Harvard. She has taught at Harvard University, Brown University, and Oxford University and received honorary degrees from fifty-six colleges and universities in the US, Canada, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Europe. She is the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago, appointed in the Law School and Philosophy Department.

Martha C. Nussbaum's lecture investigates the climate of simmering anger that disfigures most modern democracies, expressing itself in blaming and targeting of unpopular groups. She argues that a philosophical analysis of anger and its roots in experience of powerlessness can help us as we move forward and that the desire for payback is counter-productive, since replicating the offense does not correct it. Only one species of anger can help. Called «Transition-Anger» because it faces toward the future, it eschews retributive thinking in favor of constructive work and hope.

Questions raised by her lecture will be discussed in depth in the context of Martha C. Nussbaum's rich philosophical work with a limited number of participants in a workshop.

Registration for the workshop is necessary and will be possible from 5 November 2018
(see link below from the Faculty of Law).

