

“Who’s Afraid of Punitive Damages?” - Conference in Augsburg on 8 and 9 March 2024

On 8 and 9 March, a conference will be held at the University of Augsburg, Germany, to discuss the current developments in the award and/or recognition of punitive damages. The conference, which is part of a larger research project, takes the leading German decision on the question as a starting point to discuss if and to what extent its highly restrictive approach is still tenable.

The conference will feature the following contributions:

Who’s Afraid of Punitive Damages?

Afraid of What?

Compensation, Punishment, and the Idea of Private Law

Prof Lukas Rademacher, University of Kiel, Germany

Punitive Damages and Insurance

Prof Jan Lüttringhaus, University of Hanover, Germany

Discussant: Prof Phillip Hellwege, University of Augsburg, Germany

Why to be Afraid?

Who’s afraid of punitive damages for product liability?

Prof Catherine Sharkey, New York University, US

Punitive Damages in English Law

Prof Rachael Mulheron, Queen Mary University London, UK

Discussant: Dr Eleni Katsampouka, University of Cambridge, UK

When to be Afraid?

Punitive Damages and Public Policy

Prof Cedric Vanleenhove, University of Ghent, Belgium

The Public Policy Exception in the 2019 Hague Judgments Convention

Prof Marko Jovanovic, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Discussant: Prof Leonhard Hübner, University of Augsburg, Germany

Who is (Still) Afraid?

Panel 1: Still Afraid

Netherlands

Prof André Janssen, Radboud University, Netherlands

Japan

Prof Beligh Elbalti, University of Osaka, Japan

Germany

Dr Johannes Ungerer, University of Oxford, UK

Discussant: Prof Wolfgang Wurmnest, University of Hamburg, Germany

Panel 2: No Longer Afraid

France

Prof Samuel Fulli-Lemaire, Université de Strasbourg, France

Italy

Dr Caterina Benini, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy

South Korea

Dr Min Kyung Kim, Incheon District Court, South Korea

Discussant: Dr Eleni Katsampouka, University of Cambridge, UK

The flyer for the conference can be found [here](#).

Registration is possible via [this link](#); attendance is free of charge.

Scholars with a substantial interest in the subject who will be unable to travel to Augsburg may request a link to the video stream via e-mail to tobias.lutzi@jura.uni-augsburg.de.