

An oil painting of a man with reddish-brown hair, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is looking slightly to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a mix of green and yellow tones.

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RESPONSIBILITY

and the special question **WHY?**

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The study of responsibility in philosophy is mainly focused on scepticism about the existence of free will and on the question whether moral responsibility is compatible with physical determinism. By contrast, legal theories of responsibility are guided by the analysis of legal procedures, mainly in criminal and tort trials. Drawing on some of the ideas defended in *Action, Knowledge, and Will*, I shall argue in this lecture that the conception of responsibility developed by legal theorists has the potential to transform the study of responsibility in philosophy. - John Hyman (Oxford)



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