

Abstract – Honor in Attic Law

The present work examines Attic Law through an axiological perspective. Admits the role of values in forming norms and juridical institutes, focusing in a special value considered to be one of the main forms of excellence in 5th and 4th century: honor. The first part of the work delimits honor, indicating two meanings for the term: a value that the subject has, and the perception of such a value by others. A second part demonstrates the origin of the greek concern with honor and excellence in Homer's epic poetry, establishing a post for 'honor' in greek axiological rankings. Identifies war as the birthplace of the meanings of honor we discussed, and analyzes the difficult social condition that Draco had to face in its time, related to private revenge, emphasizing its connection with the theme of honor and commenting Draco's Homicide Law. The third part brings a detailed exam of three of attic law's institutes related to honor: disenfranchisement, *atimía*; public service in Athens, *liturgies*; treatment and punishment of *hýbris*.