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In *Law and Inhumanity*, Luigi Corrias explores fundamental philosophical issues underlying the law and politics of atrocity crimes within international criminal justice. Focusing on understanding the experiences of victims and perpetrators, Corrias draws on numerous disciplines to construct his conceptual framework while also using several case studies to examine important issues including references to ‘humanity’ in the discourse on atrocity crimes; the need for a first-person plural perspective of a ‘We’ within international criminal justice; the experiences of dehumanisation of both victims and perpetrators; the temporalities of suffering and justice; and the tension between individual criminal responsibility and structural violence.

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Theodor W. Adorno

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