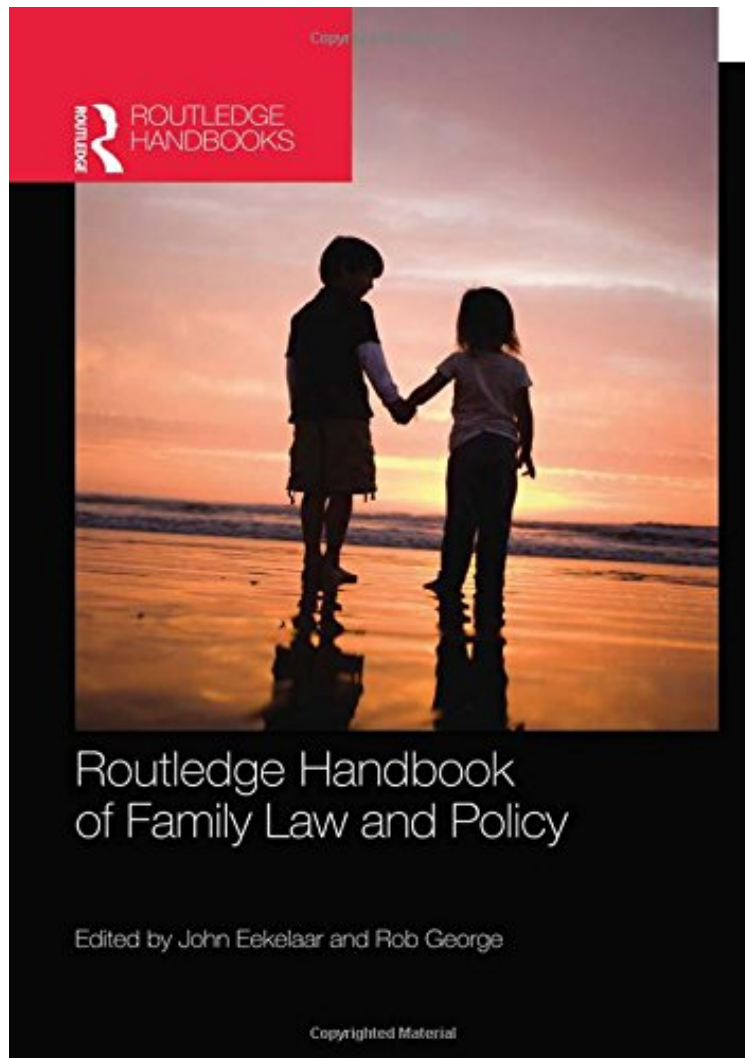


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policy, adding that the crucial linkage between the two determines the orientation of all the contributions. Certainly the Handbook reveals important differences -- as well as similarities -- in family law policy across a number of different jurisdictions worldwide; some common law, others not. How do they do this in other countries? is the pivotal question which, in our view is successfully addressed in this book. The essays are grouped under six categories ranging from marriage and alternative relationships to parenting, child welfare, to the last section: globalization and pluralism. This final category is particularly interesting in view of the personal, social and legal problems generated within culturally diverse groups in societies designated as multi-cultural. One of the several issues addressed in the book is the role of the state in supporting families and protecting the vulnerable, which would include women, children and minorities. Maleiha Maliks article, for example, warns that lack of access to mainstream legal justice, or the failure of the mainstream legal system to accommodate minorities may drive users towards minority legal orders without the protections available within state law. We can all think of instances where unfortunate situations of this nature have occurred and are likely to occur again. The rights of the vulnerable are also discussed in Rosemary Hunters article: Domestic Violence: a UK Perspective which brings together, in detailed yet succinct form, a number of insights and comments on domestic violence, mainly in England and Wales and its impact, for example, on contact orders and other domestic situations which come before the courts. Other issues of course, come in for scrutiny, including sexual orientation and gender the status of marriage divorce and separation assisted conception and -- of special interest to many a family lawyer in the UK -- the movement of family members between jurisdictions. Researchers and those seeking additional sources of information will also appreciate the copious footnoting in every chapter which provides almost innumerable references for further reading. Family practitioners wishing to keep up with cross-border commentary, research and shades of opinion on family law issues should get a copy of this book.

Changes in family structures, demographics, social attitudes and economic policies over the last sixty years have had a large impact on family lives and correspondingly on family law. This book provides global perspectives on the policy challenges facing family law and policy round the world. The chapters apply legal, sociological, demographic and social work research to explore the most significant issues that have been commanding the attention of family law policy-makers in recent years. Featuring contributions from a range of renowned global experts, the book draws on multiple jurisdictions and offers comparative analysis across a range of countries. The book addresses a range of issues including: the role of the state in supporting families and protecting the vulnerable childrens rights and parental authority sexual orientation and gender in family law the status of marriage and other forms of adult relationships divorce and separation and their consequences the relationship between civil law and the law of minority groups assisted conception movement of family members between jurisdictions This advanced level reference work will be essential reading for students, researchers and scholars of family law and social policy as well as policy makers in the field.

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