Grandparents’ Rights, Law and Social Policy – Call for Contributors to Edited Collection

This proposed edited collection, which we expect to be published by Hart Publishing, focuses on the role of grandparents in law and social policy, considering in particular the theoretical and practical aspects of grandparents’ rights in the context of private and public law proceedings. At present, grandparents have limited rights even though failure to protect relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren may, in certain circumstances, interfere with grandparents’ and their grandchildren’s human rights under the European Convention on Human Rights, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and other legal mechanisms (such as relevant court orders). This book brings together contributors with a broad range of experience in social welfare and family law to consider the appropriate role of grandparents’ rights in the law of England and Wales.

We are now seeking a small number of additional contributors to this edited collection on a range of topics, including an overview of the legal rights of grandparents in English and Welsh law and the appropriate role of grandparents in private family law proceedings.

How to contribute: Interested contributors should send a brief biography and a short 250 word abstract (including title) for an 8,000 word chapter on your chosen topic, to Dr Samantha Davey, University of Essex smdave@essex.ac.uk by 29 May 2020. She will contact you shortly after to confirm whether you have been accepted.

Selected contributors will be expected to participate in a virtual workshop on 1 July 2020. The workshop will include discussions of chapter ideas as well as breakout discussions on themes including the concept of grandparents’ ‘rights’, grandparents in contact and residence proceedings, and the role of grandparents in child protection and adoption proceedings.