

Special Issue

Contemporary Issues Relating to International Child Abduction in Contemplation of the Eighth Special Commission into the Operation of the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention (2023)

Message from the Guest Editors

The 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction reached its 40th anniversary milestone in 2020, and in October 2023 the 8th Special Commission into its operation is scheduled to be held in The Hague. It is timely to take stock of where we are regarding the implementation of the Convention globally and to discuss how well its use reflects contemporary thinking and how it interrelates with other relevant conventions (like the UNCRC 1989) and regional frameworks. This Special Issue provides an ideal opportunity for consideration of some of the key issues currently being discussed and litigated by lawyers, courts, scholars and commentators alike.

This Issue aims to enhance the Convention's knowledge base and, being published in advance of the 8th Special Commission, to assist in the discussions relating to its possible growth and improvement. *Laws* features scholarly work which examines critical developments in the substance and process of the world's legal systems, particularly those that bridge traditional boundaries and challenge injustices inherent in the law. This Special Issue is intended to contribute to these ambitions.

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