

### **Call for Abstracts & Chapters**

for the SECTION titled '***Child Protection in Child Sexual Abuse cases (including online sexual abuse)***'

## **International Handbook of Child Protection: Laws, Rights, Policies and Practices**

- a Major Reference Work (MRW)

### **Publisher: Springer Nature**

We are delighted to invite chapter contributions from scholars, practitioners, and survivors from across the world to the abovementioned section of the forthcoming *International Handbook of Child Protection*, to be published by Springer Nature.

#### **Section Editors:**

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#### **Suggested chapter themes (this is *not* an exhaustive list):**

- Child-centered justice processes - Implementation challenges, procedural standards
- What is meant by "justice" in CSA cases?
- Restorative Justice and CSA
- Balancing Autonomy with Protection in the context of Adolescents
- Age of Consent and Sexual Autonomy of Children
- Mandatory Reporting of CSA and its Implications
- Role of social media platforms, encryption policies, and AI in tackling online CSA
- Nature of the legal system (adversarial/ inquisitorial) and impact on CSA trial procedures
- CSA, child protection and intersectionality
- Socio-economic identity as/and CSA victimisation
- Experiencing CSA and its afterlives
- Role of social work/ers in CSA cases and incidents
- Legal and technological challenges in prevention, detection, and prosecution of Tech-facilitated Exploitation
- Trauma-informed policing and judicial system
- Bridging research, policy and practice in responses to CSA
- Effective responses to online CSA and exploitation

### Chapter Guidelines:

Word count- 5000-6000 words

Research Methodology- reflective, doctrinal, theoretical; could adopt an interdisciplinary approach

Writing Style- should be written in an engaging and accessible manner.

Note: Authors are most welcome to include images, charts, and tables, where relevant, in their works.

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### Timeline:

Kindly send your Expression of Interest (EOI) with the following-

- Tentative chapter title
- Chapter abstract (between 300-500 words)
- Institutional affiliation (your EOI would be considered even if you're not affiliated with any institution/organisation, for example if you are an independent researcher or child/adult survivor of CSA or for other similar reasons)
- Email address for communication with the editors/publisher

**Deadline to send your EOI: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Confirmation of Acceptance from Section Editors: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### Submission & correspondence:

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The first draft of chapter must be submitted within 4 months (by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025) from acceptance by the section editors.

We invite your contributions to our Handbook section. We look forward to receiving and reading your EOI and your paper in due course and collaborating with you on this very important and topical issue of child sexual abuse.

Thank you.

Swagata & Shailesh