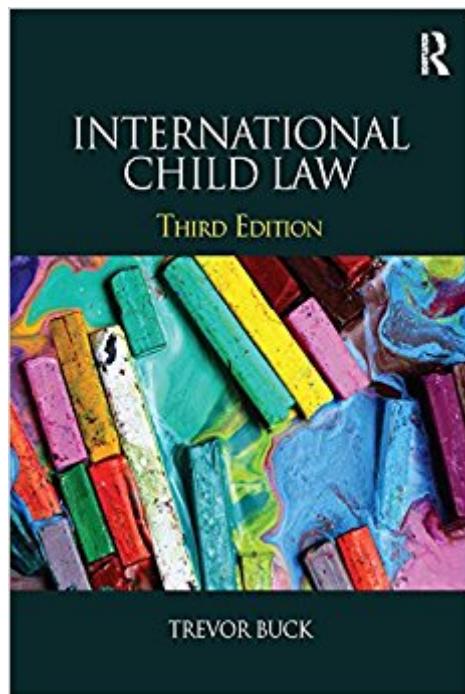


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# International Child Law



## **Synopsis**

International Child Law examines and discusses the international legal framework and issues relating to children. Analysing both public and private international legal aspects, this cross-disciplinary text promotes an understanding of the ongoing development of child law, children's rights and the protection of the child. Examining the theoretical background to the law, and providing a concise and clear overview of the instruments and institutions that protect children internationally, this text then focuses on key themes and issues in child law and children's rights. This new edition has been updated and revised throughout, including expanded material on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as discussion of recent landmark developments on the law relating to recruiting child soldiers as a result of Lubanga (2012). The third edition also includes a new case study feature that critically considers key themes and issues in international child law in a real world context. Drawing on a range of legal and other disciplines, International Child Law is a valuable resource for those in the course of study and research in this area.

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**A CROSS-DISCIPLINARY TEXT ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK RELATING TO CHILDREN: ALSO AVAILABLE AS AN E-BOOK**  
An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers

Recently published by Routledge, this important book is a cross-disciplinary, thorough and wide-ranging examination of the international legal aspects, both public and private, of issues relating to children, including children's rights and the protection of the child. The logical focus of the book is on developments in child law -- many of them the result of fairly recent attitudinal change. If you are a family lawyer or student, it's important to acquire this brand new third edition which will bring you up to date on current thinking and recent developments in this area that have emerged since the previous edition of 2010. To cite only one example, Chapter 3 on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child has been expanded to include considerably more detail on what the author has referred to as this landmark Convention which has established comprehensive normative legal standards of international child law.

The author, Trevor Buck is an expert in this almost invariably complicated and sensitive subject which strikes more deeply at the emotions than perhaps any other area of law. As a Professor of Socio-Legal Studies in the School of Law at De Montfort University, Buck's areas of special interest include international child law, administrative justice and social security law. His colleague Alisdair A. Gillespie of Lancaster University has written the book's seventh chapter on sexual exploitation of children. Sexual exploitation is one of a number of serious concerns which this book examines in some detail. By dire and difficult necessity, much of the subject matter of book makes for difficult reading as this is the area of law which must confront head on the most serious abuses which are inflicted on children -- and there are many -- ranging from deprivation of educational rights to child labour, child abduction and children in armed conflict, in other words, child victims and child soldiers in war. But fundamentally the book offers a wide-ranging exploration as well as close analysis -- accompanied by case studies -- of just about every conceivable aspect of child law. By way of introduction it examines a number of areas that some would consider background information and theory -- including psychological, sociological and historical perspectives on, for example, the

question of “what is childhood?” What is revealed here is that there is scarcely an issue that has not engendered some form of controversy or debate -- which of course makes the book all the more thought provoking. One interesting section refers to the speculation on whether issues of children’s rights in particular should actually be part of human rights legislation in general and asks whether or not there should be similar legislative initiatives in the direction of another of society’s vulnerable groups: the elderly. Academics, law students and certainly family lawyers everywhere will be both impressed and edified by the book’s orientation toward scholarly debate on these and the startlingly wide range of other issues within this complex and controversial area of law. The publication date is cited as at March 2014.

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