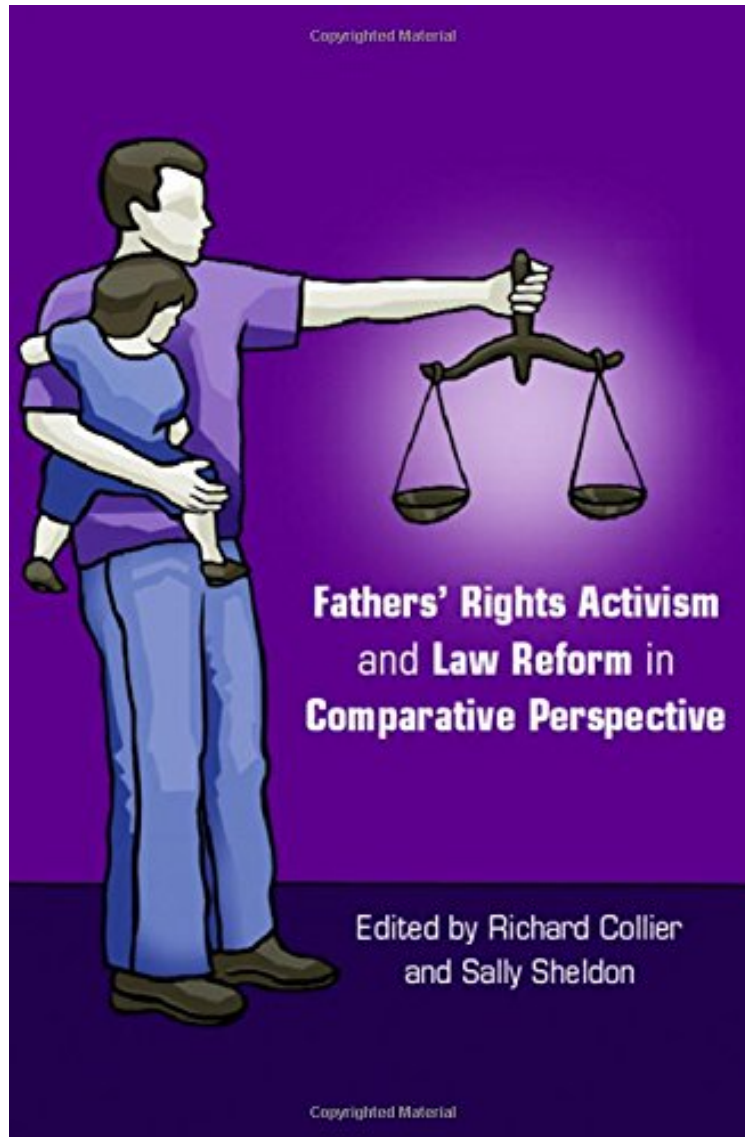


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The legal status, responsibilities, and rights of men who are fathers - married or unmarried, cohabiting or separated, biological or social in nature - is a topic with a long and well-documented history. Yet recent developments in a number of countries suggest a growing politicization of the relationship between law and fatherhood. In some countries, an increasingly vocal, visible, and well-organized fathers' rights movement has been credited with influencing perceptions of the politics of family justice. Fathers, it is argued, have become the new victims of family law justice systems that have swung too far in favor of mothers. Armed with such claims, fathers' rights activists have set out to achieve a range of legal reforms, most notably in the areas of child support law and contact and residence rights following separation. This book brings an understanding to these developments. Bringing together leading international commentators, the book provides a careful, critical, and comparative analysis of the work of fathers' rights activists, the role law has played in their campaigning, their legal strategies, their success (or otherwise) in achieving legal reform, similarities and divergences with the women's movement, and the relationship between fathers' rights movements and the societies that frame them.

The high quality of each contribution should establish the book as an important resource, informing the further development of this topic. *Tony Hobbs Feminist Legal Studies Vol 16*. This book provides a careful, critical and comparative analysis of the work of fathers' rights activists. *Education, Public Law and the Individual Vol 11, Issue 1, Spring 2007* ...a carefully documented and rich amalgam of ideas, arguments and propositions concerning the contemporary phenomenon of fathers' rights activism. The editors suggest the volume might serve in the development of an agenda that promotes a more nuanced and rounded politics of equality than that advocated by fathers' rights organizations. It certainly makes a major contribution to that agenda. It gives us a coherent and incisive critique that represents an important marker of a defining moment in the history of family law reform strategies. *Fiona Raitt Social Legal Studies 18 (2)* About the Author Richard Collier is Professor of Law at Newcastle University. Sally Sheldon is Professor of Law at the University of Kent. Together, they have also written *Fragmenting Fatherhood: A Socio-Legal Study* (Hart, 2008).