Record Nr. UNINA9910784168403321 Fathers' rights activism and law reform in comparative perspective / / **Titolo** edited by Richard Collier and Sally Sheldon Pubbl/distr/stampa Oxford;; Portland, OR:,: Hart Publishing,, 2006 **ISBN** 1-4725-6375-1 1-280-82924-9 9786610829248 1-84731-280-2 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (190 p.) Disciplina 346.017 Soggetti Fathers - Legal status, laws, etc Parent and child (Law) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages147-166) and index. Nota di contenuto 1 Fathers' Rights, Fatherhood and Law Reform- -- International Perspectives -- Richard Collier and Sally Sheldon -- 2 'Robbed of their Families'? Fathers' Rights Discourses in -- Canadian Parenting Law Reform Processes -- Susan B Boyd -- 3 'The Outlaw Fathers Fight Back': Fathers' Rights Groups, -- Fathers 4 Justice and the Politics of Family Law -- Reform-Reflections on the UK Experience -- Richard Collier --4 Adopting 'Equality Tools' from the Toolboxes of their Predecessors: -- The Fathers' Rights Movement in the United States -- Jocelyn Elise Crowley -- 5 Gender Equality, Child Welfare and Fathers' Rights in Sweden -- Maria Eriksson and Keith Pringle -- 6 Yearning For Law: Fathers' Groups and Family Law -- Reform in Australia -- Helen Rhoades Sommario/riassunto 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 politicisation of the relationship between law and fatherhood. In some countries, an increasingly vocal, visible and well-organised 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 favour 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 presents an attempt to understand these developments. Bringing together leading international commentators it 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. In addition to Collier and Sheldon, contributors include: Susan B Boyd (University of British Columbia, Canada), Jocelyn Crowley (Rutgers University, USA), Maria Eriksson (Goteborg University, Sweden), Keith Pringle (Aalborg University, Denmark), Helen Rhoades (Melbourne University, Australia), and Carol Smart (Manchester University, UK)