**Call For Papers**

**BOOK: Post-COVID Policies and Children’s Rights in the UK**

**Editors: Kat Langley and Hannah Wishart**

We are seeking 250-word abstracts for Routledge’s “Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice’ book series for a book titled “Post-COVID Policies and Children’s Rights in the UK’ " which is due to be published in 2025.

The chapters will explore a broad range of policy issues relating to children and will do so through a post-covid lens. The book will consider the nexus between children’s rights, COVID-19 and the criminal justice system to determine the extent to which legal responses/treatment of children around the United Kingdom should operate/develop to protect children and their rights (internationally and domestically) and highlight any issues within that should be addressed. We are interested in receiving contributions from a wide range of interdisciplinary scholars and early career researchers who can offer a real-world analysis in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland. We encourage proposed contributions that might relate to one of the following themes:

* The mental health and welfare of children post-covid and the effect on those who enter the criminal justice system.
* Changes in education, such as the long-term effects of social isolation measures for children and its nexus to criminality.
* Welfare reforms as they affect children following COVID-19 and/or publication of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Great Britain Report (2023).
* Special protection about vulnerable migrant children
* Accessing health services post-covid in detention and/or referrals.
* Children’s’ rights are recognised as human rights.
* Future predictions of the long-term impact of COVID-19 on how children are treated in the criminal justice system and adherence to international/domestic children’s rights legislation.

Potential contributors should email Hannah Wishart ([Hannah.wishart@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:Hannah.wishart@sunderland.ac.uk)) or Kat Langley ([kat.langley@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:kat.langley@sunderland.ac.uk)) with a Title and Abstract (250 words). Please also include any institutional affiliation and email contact.

The closing date for submitted abstracts is the **16th of December, 2023.**

Submissions must be original and must not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. The editors will base their final decisions on relevance and quality. Decisions will be made by the 4th of January 2024. All papers must follow OSCOLA guidelines for submission.

If successful, we expect the book contract to be agreed upon in June/July 2024, and once contributions are confirmed, we expect first drafts to be submitted to the editors by December 2024. Chapters will be approximately 8,000 words in length (including references). Final drafts are to be submitted in January 2025 and published in May/June 2025.

All the best, Hannah Wishart & Kat Langley