

Call for abstracts:

New book on Rape in the Nordic Countries

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Rape and other forms of sexual violence are currently high on public agendas throughout the Nordic region, especially in Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and legislative changes are debated or already on the way. We are further witnessing a new openness among victims to share their experiences through social and news media, and a general strengthening of service provision and prevention strategies. All in all ideas about rape and sexual violence and appropriate responses to these issues seem to be changing in interesting ways in this region. While changes are happening also elsewhere in Europe, there are reasons to consider ongoing changes within the Nordic region as related and linked to broader regional developments in terms of penal cultures, welfare state retraction and expansion, gender equality policies and public-private partnerships. At the same time, there are differences between the Nordic countries when it comes to rape and other forms of sexual violence linked to both different genealogies of legislations and politics on sexual violence and norms pertaining to sexuality, gender and state-citizen relations.

On this background, the book will shed light on the phenomenon and construction of rape and sexual violence within the Nordic region, as well as on how they are dealt with through social policies and in legal systems. The aim is to fertilize both the international scholarship on sexual violence and the scholarship on the Nordic region.

To be able to achieve this, the editors seek contributions from various disciplines, such as criminology, sociology, psychology, law, social anthropology, gender studies, cultural studies and political science that address rape and other forms of sexual violence. The book invites chapters that explore topics such as the extent and character of rape in the region, victim as well as offender perspectives; methodological questions; issues of definitions and delineations and developments in law, policies and interventions in the Nordic countries.

Target audience

The book chapters will present original research on rape and sexual violence in the Nordic countries. The target audience is the research community, students on intermediate and advanced level courses, and policy makers and stakeholders.

Timeline and deadlines

The book will be published in early 2019 by a well renowned international publishing house. The editors have already contacted prospective publishers and will submit a book proposal once the abstract selection process is finalized.

June 15th 2017: Deadline for abstracts: Max one page description of the chapter you intend to submit for the book, indicating the title and focus of the chapter, information about the materials and theoretical aim of the chapter, as well as outlining preliminary findings. The abstract should be sent to one of the editors: mheinskou@socsci.aau.dk, m.l.skilbrei@jus.uio.no, kari.stefansen@nova.hioa.no before June 15th 2017.

August 30th 2017: Notification of acceptance. The authors are informed the editors' decision and sent chapter guidelines.

December 1st 2017: Deadline for submitting full chapters for selected authors.

December 2017- January 2018: Editors reads through and prepares comments for all submitted chapters.

February 2018: The editors organize a working seminar for the authors where the chapters and the book are discussed.

April 15th 2018: Deadline for submitting revised chapters in line with feedback from editors and the other authors.

April 15th – June 30th 2018: Editors give comments and help the authors finalize their chapters. Editors have secured funding for a comprehensive language editing of the whole book.

August 15th 2018: Full manuscript is submitted to the publisher.

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