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PREFACE

This collection consists of nine contributions on situations where the interests of society, family, faith and culture concerning the child’s welfare are in conflict. The focus is thus on one of the burning issues of any pluralistic, multicultural society encountering a diversity of norms, whether legal, cultural or faith-based. The English summary of the Swedish Law Commission’s report *Strengthened Protection against Forced Marriages and Child Marriages*, which formed the basis of Sweden’s 2014 law reform in the field, is included in order to demonstrate societal responses to encountered problems.

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