



MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction

Cross-Border Family Mediation Training (CBFM)

Sunday, 14th October – Saturday, 20th October 2018

Berlin, Germany

The MiKK 50-hour advanced training course aims to qualify practising family mediators to mediate cross-border family disputes, including international child abduction, access and custody cases. The course will cover the relevant legal aspects of international family conflicts, differences in national family legislation, the 1980 and 1996 Hague Conventions, the Brussels II *bis* Regulation as well as the best interest and the voice of the child. Participants will be introduced to tools and methodologies for mediating high conflict cases. Case studies and role plays will be an integral part of the course. Drawing on the participants' experience, we will examine the issues of mediating across cultures. Interdisciplinary cooperation is a key aspect of the course.

We look forward to working with legal, psychosocial, educational and other professionals from a variety of cultural backgrounds and nationalities.

A maximum of 25 participants will be accepted for the course.

MiKK is an internationally recognized NGO that has been working for over 10 years to promote and organize mediations relating to international family conflict. The concept employed in MiKK's training was developed and piloted in the EU Civil Justice project, "Training in International Family Mediation 2010 – 2012". MiKK trainers have conducted similar seminars in many countries including Australia, Belgium, Germany, Japan, Kosovo, Russia and Singapore. Participants who complete this training course may join the MiKK pool of mediators and the Cross-Border Family Mediators Network.

Trainers

Christoph C. Paul, Lawyer, Notary, Mediator, Trainer, Patron of MiKK e.V.

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Lawyer, Mediator, Trainer, Qualified Teacher, Head of MiKK Advisory Service

Guest Trainers

Dr. Lesley Allport, Mediator, Trainer, Supervisor

Judge Sabine Brieger, Family Court Berlin, specialized in Hague Convention Cases, member of International Hague Network of Judges

Mary Carroll, Mediator, Trainer, Linguist

Michael Ford, Lawyer, Mediator, Trainer, Adviser at MiKK e.V.

Guest Speaker

Hilde Demarré, Missing Children Europe, Cross-Border Family Mediators network

Programme / Overview

SUNDAY, 14th October 2018

9.30 – 13.30

Christoph C. Paul, Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome

Introductions, expectations, programme
Mediating across cultures and national family law
Models and styles of mediation
Different models of international family mediation

14.30 – 18.30

National Family Law
Film: *Victims of another War*

Evening Dinner at restaurant with all participants & trainers (at own expense)

MONDAY, 15th October 2018

9.00 – 13.00

Christoph C. Paul, Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome

- Framework and specifics of mediating Hague Convention cases (cont.)
- The changing face of families in a globalized world
- Guidelines for preparing co-mediation
- Introduction to the case study
- Role Play session I in groups “setting the stage”

14.00 – 18.30

- Tools and Methodologies I
- Model of mediating high conflict / abduction cases
- Role play session II: “Telling the story and setting the agenda”

TUESDAY, 16th October 2018

9.00 – 13.30

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome

Legal context:

- 1980 and 1996 Hague Conventions, Brussels II *bis* Regulation

Legal aspects:

- national family law

- mediation law

- EU guideline

- HCCH Guide to Good Practice

- Mediation agreement, memorandum of understanding, mirror order

- Framework and specifics of mediating Hague Convention cases

14.30 – 15.00

Hilde Demarré

An Introduction to the Cross-Border Family Mediators' Network

15.00 – 16.30

Judge Sabine Brieger

Introducing mediation in the courtroom from a judge's perspective:

- MiKK Mediators in the Courtroom (MIC) – Giving mediation a face

- How liaison judges can actively support the implementation of agreements resulting from a mediation

- Making the memorandum of understanding legally binding

- Working with mirror orders and safe harbour orders

- Hague Convention Liaison Judges Network

16.30 – 18.30

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome, Michael Ford

Mediation across cultures

The importance of networking in CBFM in preparation for Wednesday's group work

Tools and methodologies II

Mid-seminar evaluation

WEDNESDAY, 17th October 2018

Free time and self-organized group work: networking – setting up and developing efficient structures for the inclusion of mediation in cross-border family cases in my country (3 hours)

THURSDAY, 18th October 2018

9.00 – 13.30

Dr. Lesley Allport, Michael Ford

- The voice of the child in mediation
- Focusing on “the best interests of the child” in mediation
- Role play session III in groups: “The voice of the child”

14.30 – 18.30

- The voice of the child in mediation cont.
- Role play session IV in groups: “Developing and reviewing options that focus on the best interest of the child”

FRIDAY, 19th October 2018

9.00 – 13.30

Mary Carroll

- Mediation and languages: handling bilingualism in mediations: models and options
- Introduction to dilemmas
- Role play session V in groups: “Working with turning points and mediating dilemma situations”

14.30 – 18.30

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Mary Carroll

Dilemma situations

- Role play session VI in groups: “Working towards agreement”

SATURDAY, 20th October 2018

9.30 – 14.15

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Michael Ford

- Role Play session VII: “Drawing up a memorandum of understanding”
- Overall evaluation of the role play: which parts of the mediation process need to be reviewed?

14:15 – 15:30

- Cooperation, training, networking with other professionals
- Awareness-raising
- Discussion, evaluation, certificates, closing

The programme is subject to change

Venue of the training:

TBC, Berlin

Registration fee: EUR 1,850

Further reading

Freeman, Marilyn, Parental Child Abduction: The Long-Term Effects. 2014
(<http://www.famlawandpractice.com/researchers/longtermeffects.pdf>)

Hague Conference on Private International Law: Guide to Good Practice Mediation under the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. 2012
(http://www.hcch.net/upload/guide28mediation_en.pdf)

Keshavjee, Mohamed, Islam Sharia and ADR – Mechanisms for Legal Redress in the Muslim Community. 2013, I.B.Tauris & Co Ltd.

Kiesewetter, S. & Paul, C.C., Family Mediation in an International Context. In: Christoph C. Paul and Sybille Kiesewetter in cooperation with MiKK (eds.). Cross-Border Family Mediation - International Parental Child Abduction, Custody and Access Cases. 2014, Frankfurt/Main: Wolfgang Metzner Verlag, second and updated edition

Parkinson, Lisa: Family Mediation – Appropriate Dispute Resolution in a New Family Justice System. 2011, Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol

Paul, Christoph C. & Walker, Jamie: An International Mediation: From Child Abduction to Property Distribution. In: American Journal of Family Law 3/2009, p. 167-173

Registration

Cross-Border Family Mediation Seminar Sunday 14th October – Saturday 20th October 2018

I wish to register for the Cross-Border Family Mediation Seminar to be held in Berlin from 14th – 20th October 2018.

I have transferred EUR 1,850 to MiKK's bank account as indicated below, noting my name and "CBFM EN 2018".

I come from an eligible country* and I am entitled to the reduced registration fee of EUR 1,250.
(Please note that a proof of residence is required prior to registration and should be emailed to MiKK at: info@mikk-ev.de.)

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Up until 15th July 2018: EUR 250, or an alternative person may be sent.

After 15th July 2018: the full amount is to be paid or an alternative person may be sent.

Please use block letters to fill in the form.

Name and surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode and city: _____

Phone number: _____

Institution/Authority: _____

Profession: _____

I am a qualified mediator.

I am a qualified family mediator.

I have experience in family mediation.

E-mail: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

*For the list of eligible countries please refer to the MiKK website www.mikk-ev.de under "Training"

Please e-mail this registration form to: info@mikk-ev.de
or send by mail to: MiKK e.V., Fasanenstr. 12, 10623 Berlin, Germany

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