

Ongoing Training & Supervision Saturday 29th September – Tuesday 2nd October 2018 Berlin

ABOUT THIS TRAINING

As a pioneer in the international family mediation field, MiKK offers three interactive training seminars for mediators and dispute resolution practitioners with an interest in intercultural, cross-border mediation who wish to deepen their knowledge and/or acquire new skills in this field.

For MiKK mediators, each of the three seminars counts as 6 credit points towards their ongoing training requirement.

There will also be a supervision session which counts as 6 credit points towards their ongoing training requirement.

Participants may register for any number of seminars and will receive a discount if registering for all three. An early bird discount applies for seminars for registrations received before Monday 18 June 2018.

TRAINING OBJECTIVE

To increase and diversify the skill set of international family mediators and those working in the area of conflict resolution. To strengthen the professional networks of international dispute resolution practitioners.

TRAINERS

- Christoph C. Paul – Lawyer, Notary, Mediator, Trainer and MiKK Patron
- Dr Jamie Walker – Educator, Mediator, Trainer and Consultant
- Sabine Brieger – Hague Network Liaison Judge and Judge of the Berlin-Weißensee Court
- Juliane Hirsch – Consultant on Private International Law, Family Mediator and Trainer
- Marian Roberts – Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Mediator
- Doris Wietfeldt – Mediator, Facilitator and Trainer

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!

Register before 18th June 2018

29th September 2018, 1pm to 4pm Supervision with Doris Wietfeldt

In a small group setting, participants will have the opportunity to reflect upon their work and to strengthen their own practice.



Doris Wietfeldt has 18 years experience as a mediator and facilitator in the intercultural and family fields. She is a licensed mediator and mediation trainer with BM[®] and holds a Master of Arts in North American Studies, Politics and Sociology. Doris has obtained qualifications in the field of mediation, intercultural competence and systemic change design in Germany, Italy and Austria respectively.

Registration fee:

MiKK Members: 40.00 €
Non-MiKK Members: 60.00 €

Workshop Location:

Behaimstraße 21, 10585 Berlin-Charlottenburg

30th September 2018, 10am to 5pm “Tools for Cross-Border Mediation” with Christoph C. Paul and Dr Jamie Walker

More often than not, cross-border family mediation cases are highly escalated, especially when child abduction is involved. The parties often feel threatened and are terrified of losing contact to their children, causing them both to fall into an either/or, black/white, win/lose mentality in which they themselves are inevitably the victim. This situation is further exacerbated by the unknowns of legal procedures in terms of monetary expense and outcome. The human cost of such conflicts is high – especially for the children involved.

How can we as mediators prevent being sucked into such a negative spiral blaming dynamic and transform it into a setting in which the parents are willing to listen to each other and reflect on their joint responsibility for their child or children?

In this workshop we will first ask at which point in the mediation things tend to “get stuck”? Using the “vacuum-cleaner exercise” participants will reflect on the dynamics of mediation sessions that tempt them to become overly involved in the conflict. After that we will discuss the “when” and “how” of using separate sessions. Finally, we will introduce and practice the Reflecting Team, a tool that allows mediators to intervene in deadlocks in an appreciative manner, nevertheless challenging the parties to step back, take a closer look at the no-way-out situation in which they are currently lodged and look for ways of freeing themselves from it, thus opening up the path to possible common solutions.



Christoph C. Paul is a lawyer and notary public in the law firm Paul & Partner in Berlin since 1978. He has been working as certified mediator and mediation trainer with the Family Mediators Working Group in Germany since 1995. Christoph C. Paul has conducted numerous projects and published widely in the fields of mediation, mostly in relation to family, family business and inheritance. Currently he focuses on mediation and mediation training in cross-border family conflicts (including child abduction cases); he is founder and patron of the German NGO MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and

Child Abduction. Christoph C. Paul was honoured with the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for the implementation of cross border mediation in conflicts involving parents and children. He is recipient of the Socrates Award for Mediation 2010 for his long-time work as a mediator and as a "mediator of mediation" in institutional contexts and he awarded the Winwinno 2016 together with Jamie Walker in the category "Promoting Family Peace" for their commitment and dedication on a pro-bono basis to the development and establishment of mediation as a means to settle international family conflicts.

Dr Jamie Walker has been working in the field of adult education and nonviolence training since 1981. She became a certified mediator and mediation trainer with the German Federal Mediation Association in 2000. Jamie Walker taught education at the Technical University of Berlin for five years, ran the Mediationbüro Mitte for 10 years, developed and conducted professional mediation training courses as well as numerous projects and published widely in the fields of violence prevention and mediation in schools and communities as well as mediation and mediation training in cross-border family conflicts, including child abduction cases. She is co-founder of the German NGO MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction and the Cross- Border Family Mediators Network in Brussels. After working as an international peace consultant for mediation and Do No Harm with the GIZ Civil Peace Service Program in Ethiopia for two years, Jamie Walker recently joined the staff of the Academy for Conflict Transformation in Cologne as an educational consultant. She remains active as a mediator and mediation trainer.

Registration fee:

MiKK Members: 190 € / 160 € (early bird)
Non-MiKK Members: 220 € / 190 € (early bird)

Workshop Location:

To Be Confirmed, Berlin

1st October 2018, 10am to 5pm

**“The Child’s Voice or the Child’s Choice? The Pros and Cons of Involving Children in Mediation in Cross Border and Child Abduction Cases”
with Marian Roberts**

This workshop aims to achieve the following:

- To identify general themes in mediation that the role of the child in mediation exemplifies;
- To explore debates/controversies and recent research and policy developments relating to incorporating the voice of the child in mediation in principle and in practice;
- To identify the relevant legal framework;
- To better understand the distinctive and specific role of children in family mediation and how that differs from other interventions involving children including use of terminology;
- To clarify the specific features for hearing the voice of the child in cross-border and child abduction mediation cases; and
- To identify the requirements for best professional practice for incorporating the voice of the child in family mediation



Marian Roberts is qualified as a barrister and a social worker. She has been in continuous practice as a family mediator since 1982, working in one of the first family mediation services to be established in England, the SE London Family Mediation Bureau, set up in 1979. Her practice focuses on high conflict disputes over children. She has been recognized under the Legal Services Commission’s competence assessment procedure for the purposes of practising in publicly funded All Issues family mediation cases. In the 1990’s she was responsible for overseeing the creation and development of National

Family Mediation’s national training and professional practice framework. This included the development of policies, practice guidelines and training on mediation in relation to children, cross-cultural mediation and domestic abuse.

She was co-manager, with Dr. Judith Trowell and Professor Michael King of the first child protection mediation scheme to operate in the UK, funded by the Department of Health (piloted 1995-1999). She was a member of the reunite Steering Group on Child Abduction and Mediation and one of its pool of mediators in a pilot exploring the potential of mediation in bi-national child abduction situations. She continues to be involved with reunite as professional practice consultant. Marian participated in the TIM training (Training in International Family Mediation) conducted by MiKK in 2011 in Brussels, as part of a joint project by MiKK, Child Focus and The Katholieke Universiteit Leuven co-financed by the European Commission. Governor until 2006 of the UK College of Family Mediators (now the College of Mediators), and founding member (until 2014) and former Chair of its Professional Standards Committee, she is now the College Advisor. She remains closely involved in the development of the regulatory framework for mediation, including having been a member of the Legal Service Commission's Working Group on the Mediation Quality Mark and its Mediation Advisory Group. She has represented the College of Mediators on the Family Mediation Council (FMC), on the Ministry of Justice Steering Group on Family Mediation, and on the Experts' Forum of the Ministry of Justice Voice of the Child Dispute Resolution Advisory Group. As Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), she taught mediation modules on the London University Masters in Law (LL.M) Alternative Dispute Resolution course (since 1989), and now teaches on the LSE ADR LL.M. She has been Professorial Research Associate in the Department of Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), teaching on its ADR LL.M since 2015. She has published extensively in the field of family mediation and dispute resolution, including on the voice of the child in mediation: 'Children and mediation: a response to the Ministry of Justice report on The Voice of the Child in Dispute Resolution', Family Law, 2015, Vol. 45, and *Mediation in Family Disputes: Principles of Practice (4th ed., 2014)* Ashgate Publishing Ltd.

Registration fee:

MiKK Members: 190 € / 160 € (early bird)
Non-MiKK Members: 220 € / 190 € (early bird)

Workshop Location:

To Be Confirmed, Berlin

2nd October 2018, 10am to 5pm
**“Capturing Consensus: the Drafting and Enforceability
of Mediated Agreements in Cross-Border Disputes”**
with Sabine Brieger and Juliane Hirsch

Mediation in highly escalated family disputes involving parents and children residing in different States is a challenge not only for the parties but also for mediators. After a strenuous mediation process, the drafting of the mediation agreement is demanding. The agreement should be valid and enforceable in both countries.

Our workshop aims to raise awareness of a number of problems and provides assistance in tackling these problems. We will specify which international treaties, and in particular which Hague Conventions are applicable as well as when European law and national law is relevant. We will illustrate which problems may arise when the agreement is not drafted carefully. Together we will work on drafting suggestions that allow taking into account the particular needs of the individual parents and the requirements of law with a focus on typical subject matters such as habitual residence, parental responsibility and maintenance.



Sabine Brieger has been a Judge and Family Judge in different courts in Berlin since 1982. She has been a family judge in the Court of Pankow/Weißensee in Berlin since 2001. She is a specialized judge in child abduction cases under the 1980 Hague Convention since 2004. She has been both a family mediator and a network judge in the European Judicial Network since 2006. She has also been a network judge in The Hague Network of Judges since June 2011. Sabine presents workshops and lectures at national and international conferences, especially on binational direct judicial communication and the application of the 1980 Hague Convention and the Brussels IIa Regulation.



Juliane Hirsch is a consultant on private international law, family mediator and trainer. Having studied law in Germany and Ireland she specialises in private international law and international family law. She followed a family mediator training in France, where she obtained the French State Diploma for Family Mediation. She has been working for The Hague Conference on Private International Law in the Netherlands for many years; her fields of work comprised, inter alia, international child abduction, cross-border family relocation, international family mediation and cross-border recovery of maintenance. Among the larger publications for which she has undertaken principal work during her time at the Permanent Bureau of The Hague Conference was the “Guide to Good Practice on Mediation” (2012). She is currently involved as external consultant in the work of The Hague Conference’s Experts’ Group on the Recognition and Enforcement of Agreements in Family Matters.

Registration fee:

MiKK Members: 190 € / 160 € (early bird)
Non-MiKK Members: 220 € / 190 € (early bird)

Workshop Location:

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Participants joining all three training seminars will receive a reduction of the course fee:

MiKK Members: 515 € / 435 € (early bird)
Non-MiKK Members: 595 € / 515 € (early bird)

Registration Ongoing Training & Supervision

- Supervision** on 29 September 2018
- “Tools for Cross-Border Mediation”** on 30 September 2018
- “The Child’s Voice or the Child’s Choice? The Pros and Cons of Involving Children in Mediation in Cross Border and Child Abduction Cases”** on 1 October 2018
- “Capturing consensus: the Drafting and Enforceability of Mediated Agreements in Cross-Border Disputes”** on 2 October 2018
- I am a MiKK Member and am therefore eligible for the reduced registration fee
- Early Bird Discount:** registration before 18 June 2018

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

Name and surname: _____

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Phone number: _____

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Signature: _____

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