



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

Cross-Border Family Mediation Training (CBFM)

Sunday, 22nd September – Saturday, 28th September 2019

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, psycho-social, 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 and Russia. 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, Chairperson of the Board of MiKK

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

Guest Trainers

Dr. Lesley Allport, Mediator, Trainer, Supervisor

Mary Carroll, Mediator, Trainer, Linguist

Judge Martina Erb-Klünemann, Family Court Hamm, specialized in Hague Convention Cases, German Hague Network Liaison Judge and European Judicial Network Judge (EJN)

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

Guest Speaker

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

Programme/ Overview

SUNDAY, 22nd September 2019

9.30 – 18.30

Christoph C. Paul, Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome

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

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

MONDAY, 23rd September 2019

9:00 – 18.30

Christoph C. Paul, Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome

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

TUESDAY, 24th September 2019

9.00 – 13.30

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome

Legal Module

- International Legal Instruments in Matters of Parental Responsibility
- 1980 and 1996 Hague Conventions
- Brussels II *bis* Regulation
- National family law
- Mediation law EU guideline
- Memorandum of understanding (MOU)

14.30 – 15.00

Hilde Demarré

An Introduction to the Cross-Border Family Mediators’ Network

15.00 – 16.30

Judge Martina Erb-Klünemann

Introducing Mediation in The Courtroom From a Judge’s Perspective:

- MiKK Mediators in the Courtroom (MIC)
- 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

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Michael Ford

- Mediation across cultures
- The importance of networking in CBFM (prep. for Wednesday's group) work
- Tools and methodologies II
- Mid-seminar evaluation

WEDNESDAY, 25th September 2019

- 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, 26th September 2019

9.00 – 18.30

Dr. Lesley Allport, Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome

The voice of the child in mediation

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

FRIDAY, 27th September 2019

9.00 – 13.30

Mary Carroll

Mediation and languages:

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

14.30 – 18.30

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Mary Carroll

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

SATURDAY, 28th September 2019

9.30 – 15.30

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Michael Ford

- Role Play session VII: “Drawing up a memorandum of understanding”
- Cooperation, training, networking with other professionals
- Awareness-raising
- Discussion – Feedback - Evaluation - Certificates - Closing

Registration fee: EUR 1,850*

Please see the registration form below.

Venue of the training:

TBC

**A discount applies for participants from eligible countries. Please refer to the MIKK website www.mikk-ev.de under “Training” for the list of eligible countries.*

Information on the Trainers

Christoph C. Paul



is an attorney and notary. He is also a mediator accredited with the German Association for Family Mediation and a trainer. In 2002 together with Eberhard Carl and Sybille Kiesewetter he launched the international mediation project MiKK, Mediation in International Conflicts Involving Parents and Children and was Chairperson of the MiKK Board from MiKK's inception until 2017, when he retired as Chairperson of the Board and became Patron of MiKK. Christoph C. Paul has his own mediation practice in the fields of family, inheritance and business mediation and specializes in mediation in international child abduction, access and custody cases. He is co-editor of the online publication Cross-Border Mediation, a collection of laws on mediation worldwide. He holds the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for the implementation of cross-border mediation in conflicts involving parents and children and he received the Socrates Award for Mediation in 2010 for his longstanding work as a mediator and a "mediator of mediation" in institutional contexts. Contact: paul@paul-partner.eu

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome



is a family lawyer, cross-border family mediator and trainer. She is Head of Advisory Services at MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction in Berlin. Prior to joining MiKK Ischtar was based in London where she practiced family law for nine years with a focus on cross-border family matters, including child abduction cases, at Dawson Cornwell, a leading family law firm specialized in international family law matters. Prior to practicing family law Ischtar was a case manager at the child abduction NGO Reunite International in London. Ischtar completed her legal studies at BPP University Law School and the University (College) of Law in London. She holds a Master's Degree (MA) in Near & Middle Eastern Studies and Islamic Law from SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies), University of London. Ischtar has a Master's Degree and teaching qualification in German and English from the Freie Universität Berlin and worked as a youth and family worker with intercultural families for the Berlin youth welfare department during her studies. She later taught German at University College London (UCL). Ischtar qualified as a mediator with the Family Mediators Association (FMA) in London where she also trained in direct consultation (mediation) with children. She is a practicing cross-border family mediator and has provided diverse training in this field, both for MiKK as well as for other organizations, e.g. the European Academy of Law (ERA). Ischtar has published on family law and mediation in e.g. The Family Law Journal, Spektrum der Mediation and Die (Wirtschafts)mediation. E-Mail: ischtar.newsome@mikk-ev.de

Dr. Lesley Allport



has a long career in mediation spanning the last 26 years. Working initially as a family mediator in the 1980's, she has been involved developing new areas of practice, particularly in the context of Special Educational Needs and Disability Conciliation. She mediates in workplace disputes, has experience in community mediation and is trained to mediate in cross border family disputes and parental child abduction cases. Lesley began training mediators 18 years ago. She delivers foundation courses in several contexts as well as training for supervisors, mediators working directly with children and general continuing professional development. She has a keen interest in developing professional standards. She is a Board member of the College of Mediators and currently chairs the Professional Standards Committee. She also sits on the editorial board of the new College journal "Mediation: Theory and Practice". Lesley also has an academic interest in mediation. In 2005, she completed a European Masters' Degree in Mediation, as part of which she developed a model of supervision specific to mediation. In 2016, she successfully completed her PhD at the Birmingham Law School where she was examining the comparative growth of mediation, identifying similarities and differences of practice across a number of contexts of mediation delivery. Contact: lesley.allport@ladr.net

Mary Carroll



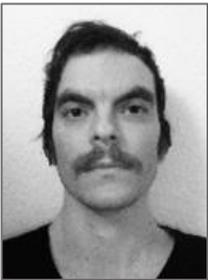
was founder and Managing Director of Titelbild Subtitling and Translation, Berlin from 1991 until 2011. She has extensive experience in audiovisual translation as well as multilingual and intralingual accessibility to the audiovisual media, areas in which she has published extensively. She has specialized in personnel development and management as well as mediation and conflict management and holds a Master's degree in Mediation from the Viadrina University in Frankfurt/Oder. She has a special interest in bilingual mediation and mediation involving interpreting and has published in mediation and interpreting journals on this subject. She works as a consultant, expert adviser, trainer and practitioner in the above areas. From 2013 till 2017, she was Managing Director of MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction in Berlin. Mary Carroll is a member of the TransMedia Research Group, the Transforum Coordination Committee for Interpreting and Translation Practice and Teaching in Germany, the German Association of Interpreters and Translators (BDÜ) and the German Mediators Association (BM). In 2012, she was granted the Jan Ivarsson Award for invaluable services to the field of audiovisual translation. Contact: mail@carroll-communication.com

Martina Erb-Klünemann



is a district court judge. She worked as a judge in civil law and criminal law cases at various courts before her appointment as a family judge in 1996. In this capacity, she is also responsible for international family conflicts pending at Hamm District Court as the centralized court for the District of Hamm Court of Appeals. She is a member of the European Judicial Network Working Group on Family Mediation in International Child Abduction Cases and chairperson of the German Working Group on Implementing the Mediation Process in 1980 Hague Convention Proceedings. Martina Erb-Klünemann has led the annual German Judges' Seminars on the Hague Convention on Child Abduction since 2008. She is a network judge in the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (EJN) and in the International Hague Network of Judges (IHNJ) as well as co-chair of the Association of International Family Judges (AIFJ). She runs Europe-wide training courses on the integration of mediation in addressing cross-border family conflicts. Contact: Martina.Erb-Klunenmann@ag-hamm.nrw.de

Michael Ford



is an Australian-trained lawyer and mediator living and working in Berlin. He is Adviser at the German NGO MiKK e.V. International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction. He has trained for MiKK and other organizations including the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) on a diverse range of topics relating to mediation. He mediates cross-border family and other conflicts, including workplace and group conflicts. Michael was previously a children's lawyer with Youth Legal Service Inc. in Perth and a tutor in developmental psychology at the University of Notre Dame Australia. He was also Mediation Coordinator at the Small Business Development Corporation of Western Australia. As an intern at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the Lao PDR, Michael observed the operation of Village Mediation Units in the Vientiane Prefecture. Michael is a MiKK-trained cross-border family mediator. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) in International Dispute Resolution from Humboldt University in Berlin and Bachelor's degrees in Behavioural Science and Law from the University of Notre Dame Australia. Contact: michael.ford@mikk-ev.de

Hilde Demarré



holds a Masters Degree in Political Sciences from the University of Ghent and an Advanced Degree in Communication Sciences. She is also a trained family mediator in Belgium. She worked as a case manager at the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for two years and at Child Focus, the Belgian 116000 hotline, for five years, mainly dealing with international child abduction cases. Since 2008, she has worked as a project manager at Child Focus where she co-founded the Cross-border Family Mediators' Network in 2012. She is actively involved in the promotion of cross-border family mediation in Europe. In 2014, she joined Missing Children Europe where she is responsible for the further development of cross-border mediation in family disputes. Contact: Hilde.Demarre@missingchildreneurope.eu

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
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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, 22nd September - Saturday, 28th September 2019

- I wish to register for the Cross-Border Family Mediation Seminar to be held in Berlin from 22nd – 28th September 2019.
- I have transferred EUR 1,850 to MiKK's bank account as indicated below, noting my name and "CBFM Sep 2019".
- 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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Cancellation fees

Up until 20th June 2019: EUR 250, or an alternative person may be sent.

After 20th June 2019: 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