

MiKK Ongoing Training 2020

Featuring:

- ⊙ **International AMICABLE Conference: 5th-6th Nov 2020**
- ⊙ **Two Individual Workshops: 7th and 8th Nov 2020**
- ⊙ **Supervision: 9th November 2020**

ABOUT THIS TRAINING

The MiKK Ongoing Training is aimed at international mediators and dispute resolution practitioners, lawyers, judges and guardians ad litem with an interest in intercultural, cross-border mediation who wish to deepen their knowledge and/or acquire new skills in this field. They may also be of interest to participants from other related disciplines. This year the Ongoing Training comprises an International Conference (featuring workshops and key international speakers) as well as two individual workshops with international trainers and supervision.

For details please see below.

Training Workshops & Supervision:

- ⊙ **AMICABLE International Conference: Thurs/Friday, 5th- 6th Nov 2020**
For International Mediators, Lawyers and Judges. Featuring workshops and Key International Speakers on Mediation, Brussels II (Recast), Enforceability of Mediated Agreements etc. (Detailed Programme to be announced shortly).
- ⊙ **Workshop 1: Saturday, 7th Nov 2020**
Understanding Parental Alienation: Learning to cope, helping to heal
Karen Woodall, Trans-Generational psychotherapist, lead therapist Family Separation Clinic
Nick Woodall, family separation and reunification practitioner, parental alienation specialist
- ⊙ **Workshop 2: Sunday, 8th Nov 2020**
Intercultural Mediation – the tension between individualist and collectivist value orientations.
Söhret Gök, Cross-Border Mediator, Trainer, Lawyer
- ⊙ **Supervision: Monday, 9th Nov 2020**
Catharina Laverty, Mediator, Supervisor (DGSv), Coach, MiKK e.V.

Participants may register for any number of workshops. A **discount** applies for registering for **both** the **Conference & Workshops 1 & 2**. An **Early Bird Discount** applies for seminars for registrations received **before 1st of August 2020** (see below).

For MiKK mediators, each of the two workshops (and the supervision session) counts as 6 credit points and participation in the AMICABLE conference as 15 points towards their ongoing training requirement.



International Conference for mediators, lawyers and judges dealing with cross-border children matters

Conference Description

This year's Ongoing Training coincides with the Final Conference of our EU-funded research project AMICABLE, in which renowned international legal and mediation experts will present a mediation model for including mediation into Hague Child Abduction proceedings and international custody dispute cases. They will also present Best Practice Tools developed in the project assisting with the enforceability and recognition of mediated agreements across EU state borders.

The Final Conference will **feature key international speakers** and **workshops** on the topics of international mediation, enforceability of mediated agreements, the Brussels II convention and related topics on international mediation and the legal frameworks applicable. The workshops will feature case scenarios on child abduction and relocation in which the Best Practice Tools will be tested. For information on the AMICABLE Project, please see www.amicable-eu.org.

The conference will provide a great opportunity to exchange expertise and network with **international mediators, lawyers and judges**. Lunches as well as a **Conference Networking Evening Dinner** (Day 1) are **included** in the registration fee.

- Detailed Program to follow shortly -

Conference start and end times

5th November 2020: 1pm-6pm (+ conference networking dinner)

6th November 2020: 9am-5pm

Registration Fee:

Regular fee	150€
Discount for participants in the National Seminars:	80€

Workshop Location:

Harnack Haus
Ihnestr. 14-20
14195 Berlin

A Discount applies for registering for the conference & both workshops. (see below).

An Early Bird Discount applies for seminars for registrations received before 1st of August 2020 (see below).

WS1: Saturday, 7th November 2020, 10am to 5pm
Understanding Parental Alienation: learning to cope, helping to heal
with Karen Woodall and Nick Woodall

Workshop Description

Parental alienation is still a controversial label for a behavioural response in children of divorce and separation. Shifting understanding of what is happening to a child who rejects a parent outright after family separation from the idea of brainwashing to the concept of focus upon the child's use of a defence mechanism in an impossible situation, this workshop equips Family Mediators to understand the child's presentation in the midst of confusion and controversy.

Parental alienation can be used as an allegation in order to further patterns of coercive control behaviour and the risk to parents and children where this is happening is as high as the actual reality of alienation where it has occurred.

Family Mediators are on the front line of triage work with families where alienation is alleged and as such must have a high level of understanding of how these cases present in the mediation room. Enabling alienation to be used as a false allegation is a risk to the child and family facing them and missing alienation when it is occurring means that the child is entrenched in the dynamic.

This workshop will examine the concept of induced psychological splitting as a way of reformulating an understanding of what happens when a child rejects a parent. Drawing upon psychoanalytical theory, the concept of splitting is examined as the basis for a new approach to understanding and treating the alienated child using a wide range of existing therapies which are adapted to fit the needs of this group of families. Treatment routes which include trauma informed practice with families are introduced and the concept of trans-generational trauma transmission is examined as a central tenet to understanding the reaction of the alienated child. Working with the concepts of short term intensive psychotherapy, interventions which swiftly resolve the psychologically split state of mind in the child are explored.

Using therapeutic parenting concepts of empathic curiosity alongside use of differentiation tools, Family Mediators are enabled to perform a first stage assessment to determine the validity of claims and enable safe signposting to specialist help.

Karen Woodall



*Karen Woodall is the lead therapist at the Family Separation Clinic and is a specialist in working with divorce and separation and its impact on children. She is a psychotherapist with over twenty years of experience in working with parents and children affected by family separation. Karen is an internationally recognised expert on children's post separation rejecting behaviours and the phenomenon of the alienated child. She is also an author and blogger and writes for the Huffington Post on issues that affect the family. She is currently studying for a PhD. She is the co-author of *Understanding Parental Alienation: Learning to Cope, Helping to Heal* (Charles C Thomas 2017) and *The Guide for Separated Parents* (Piatkus 2007) and with her colleague, Nick Woodall.*

Nick Woodall



*Nick is the managing partner at the Family Separation Clinic. He holds a Masters degree in psychodynamic psychotherapy from the University of London and is also a therapeutic mediator, accredited by the School of Psychotherapy & Counselling Psychology, Regents University. He has worked with families experiencing divorce or separation since 1999 and co-founded the Family Separation Clinic in 2010, having previously worked at the Centre for Separated Families. Nick is an expert witness in the United Kingdom family courts. A former BBC Online parenting expert, he has worked extensively on family policy, developing new services for the UK government. Nick has written widely on family separation and divorce and is the co-author of *Understanding Parental Alienation: Learning to Cope, Helping to Heal* (Charles C Thomas 2017) and *The Guide for Separated Parents* (Piatkus 2007) with his colleague, Karen Woodall.*

Registration fee:

MiKK Members: 195 € / 165 € (early bird)
Non-MiKK Members: 225 € / 195 € (early bird)

Workshop Location:

Supervisionszentrum Berlin
Crellestr. 21
10827 Berlin

A Discount applies for registering for the conference & both workshops. (see below).

An Early Bird Discount applies for seminars for registrations received before 1st of August 2020 (see below).

WS2: Sunday, 8th November 2020, 10am to 5pm

**Intercultural Mediation –
the tension between individualist and collectivist value orientations.**

with Şöhret Gök

Workshop Description

In bi-cultural families different perspectives of the role of the family and society can lead to different personal choices as well as diverging parenting styles. Expectations, values and internal rules may not always be clearly defined or consciously expressed, but if perceived to have been transgressed or ignored, this may have a significant impact and may lead to conflict between parents. This is particularly relevant in families where parents subscribe to different cultural norms and values, such as for example, individualistic vs collectivistic value orientations. Collectivist cultures emphasize group focus over individual self-determined decisions, whereas autonomy and self-determination are characteristic for individualistic cultures. While all people manifest both individualist and collectivist traits in varying degrees and can embrace both – as is often the case with bi-cultural individuals – or favor one over the other depending on the context, as well as the given systemic (i.e. the wider family) factors.

These value orientations may also influence the mediation process. The more we recognize and understand the systemic structures of collectivist value orientations – which are often culturally conditioned – the better we can take them into account while mediating. In the context of mediation, especially non-verbalized taboos can play an important role.

In this workshop we will take a close look at different cultural orientations, to try and understand their potential effects and explore possibilities for handling these in mediation.

This workshop will

- Introduce the best known theories of renowned cultural scientists and look at different cultural orientations.
- Use self-reflective exercises to help uncover and understand one's own value orientation, as well as those of others and consider their significance for the mediation process
- Use case studies to give participants the opportunity to practice handling intercultural mediations and introduce possible strategies for these.
- Introduce examples of real intercultural mediation cases in order to help participants develop different ways of dealing with such cases in their own mediation practice.

Şöhret Gök



Şöhret is an intercultural trainer, international mediator and lawyer. She has German and Turkish roots, grew up in the Rhineland area and studied law in Saarbrücken, Cologne and Istanbul. In 2003, she co-founded a legal practice in Cologne, where she practices as self-employed lawyer and became certified as a mediator by the Bundesverband Mediation BM e.V. in 2014.

Şöhret has lectured at different universities in Germany on a variety of topics, such as intercultural communication, conflict resolution and law. She regularly conducts trainings on intercultural literacy, conflict management and professional communication for companies, organizations, such as the German Police as well for freelance professionals.

Şöhret also trains prospective mediators in Germany and Turkey. She has further led several “Commercial Mediator” trainings at the IHK Köln.

Şöhret trained in Cross Border Family Mediation (CBFM) with MiKK e.V. and conducts mediations in German, Turkish and English. As a mediator (BM®), Şöhret Gök offers intercultural and family mediation as well as commercial and organizational mediation. Her mediation experience includes working with two-party conflicts, e.g. in corporate management, employer and employee, workers’ council, etc., as well as conflicts, team conflicts and mediations in large groups, e.g. in orchestras.

Şöhret lived and worked in Turkey for two years. The experiences gained there she incorporates into her seminars on intercultural competency and conflict resolution. She is also interested in the legal and social enforcement of mediation in Germany and Turkey, and published several papers during a fellowship in the LOEWE Research Focus ‘Extrajudicial and Judicial Conflict Resolution’ at the Goethe-University, Frankfurt a.M.

Registration fee:

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Non-MiKK Members: 225 € / 195 € (early bird)

Workshop Location:

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Crellestr. 21
10827 Berlin

A Discount applies for registering for the conference & both workshops. (see below).

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Monday, 9th November 2020, 1pm to 4pm
Supervision
with Catharina Laverty

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



Born and bred in Berlin, **Catharina Laverty** moved to Belfast after finishing school to work as a volunteer in a cross-community reconciliation project and in a number of youth outreach groups. Ever since she has been hooked on the idea of furthering communication between people. Catharina worked as a translator and interpreter for English, German and Spanish for a few years. She then trained and worked as a Mediator, Supervisor and Coach to be more directly involved with people and their communicational needs. Catharina is trained as a cross-border mediator with MiKK and has undertaken cross-border mediations in both English and German. Having trained as a Supervisor has enhanced her ability to support those who support others. Catharina feels it is vital that professionals have the opportunity to reflect upon their work and to strengthen their own practice.

Registration fee:

MiKK Members: 60.00 €
Non-MiKK Members: 80.00 €

Workshop Location: TBA

Participants joining **both Workshops 1 & 2** and the **AMICABLE conference** will receive a **reduction** of the course fee. The **Early Bird Discount** applies for registrations **before 1st August 2020:**

MiKK Members: 510 € / 470 € (early bird)
Non-MiKK Members: 570 € / 530 € (early bird)



Registration for AMICABLE Conference, Ongoing Training Workshops & Supervision

I wish to register for the following workshops/supervision:

- The Full Package** (AMICABLE Conference, WS1+2) – *a discount applies as above*
- AMICABLE Final Conference**, 5th- 6th Nov 2020 (please **also** register separately online for this on amicable-eu.org)
- WS1**: Understanding Parental Alienation, 7th Nov 2020
- WS2**: Intercultural Mediation, 8th Nov 2020
- Supervision** on 9th November 2020

Additional Information:

- I am a MiKK Member and am therefore eligible for the **reduced** registration fee
- Early Bird Discount**: registration before 1st August 2020

Cancellation fees

Before 15 September 2020: 10% of the registration fee or an alternative person may be sent.

After 15 September 2020: the full amount is to be paid or an alternative person may be sent.

Name and surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode and city: _____

Phone number: _____

Institution/Authority: _____

Profession: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please e-mail this registration form to: info@mikk-ev.de
or send by mail to: MiKK e.V., Fasanenstr. 12, 10623 Berlin, Germany
This programme may be subject to change – (Status: Feb 2020)