



Cross-Border Family Mediation Training (CBFM)

Sunday, 13rd September – Saturday, 19th September 2020

Berlin, Germany

The MiKK 50-hour advanced training course aims to qualify practicing 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 and the Brussels II bis Regulation. Participants will be introduced to tools and methodologies for mediating high conflict cases with the aim of safeguarding the best interest of the child. Other key topics featured in this training include *Bi-lingualism & Mediation*, *Guidelines to Co-mediation* as well as the *Voice of the Child* in mediation. Drawing on the participants' experience, we will examine the issues of mediating across cultures. Case studies and role plays will be an integral part of the course. 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.

The number of participants has been limited to 18 for this training to ensure we can implement the COVID distancing safety measures in the beautiful training location "innenmehr" in the heart of trendy Kreuzberg, Berlin (see below).

MiKK is an internationally recognized NGO that has been working for over 10 years to promote and organize mediations relating to international family conflict. Parents from all over the world contact the MiKK free-of charge, multi-lingual Advisory Service seeking to resolve their family conflict by way of mediation. The concept employed in MiKK's training was developed and piloted in the EU Civil Justice project, "Training in International Family Mediation 2010 – 2012". Mediators who successfully complete the 50-hour MiKK CBFM training may join the globally expanding MiKK network of specialized, multi-lingual family mediators featured on the MiKK website and the Cross-Border Family Mediators Network.

MiKK Mediators are eligible to co-mediate cross-border family cases that are referred to them via the international MiKK Advisory Pre-mediation Service.

Core Trainers

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

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Lawyer, Mediator, Trainer; Head of Advisory Service & Co-CEO, MiKK e.V.

Guest Trainers

Dr. Lesley Allport, Mediator, Trainer, Supervisor

Sabine Brieger, former Network Judge in the European Judicial Network (EJN), specialized in Hague Convention Cases, Judge and Family Judge in different courts in Berlin since 1982

Susana Borges Gomes, Child Psychologist

Catharina Laverty, Mediator, Supervisor, Coach; Case Officer & Fundraiser at MiKK e.V.

Guest Speaker

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

Programme / Overview

SUNDAY 13th September 2020

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, 14th September 2020

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, 15th September 2020

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

Sabine Brieger

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, Catharina Laverty

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

Tuesday, 15th September from 19.00: MiKK "Stammtisch" - Social Get Together for MiKK Mediators & CBFM Participants, Location: Tomasa Villa Kreuzberg, Kreuzbergstraße 62, 10965 Berlin

WEDNESDAY 16th September 2020

- 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, 17th September 2020

9.00 – 18.30

Dr. Lesley Allport, Susana Borges Gomes, Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome

The voice of the child in mediation

- Focusing on "the best interests of the child" in mediation
- Engaging with children in mediation (age appropriate interview techniques and tools)
- 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 18th September 2020

9.00 – 13.30

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome

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

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome, Spiros Livadopoulos

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

SATURDAY 19th September 2020

9.30 – 15.30

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome, Spiros Livadopoulos, Catharina Laverty

- 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*

**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.*

The training is recognized as *Bildungsurlaub* (paid educational leave) in Berlin, Brandenburg, Hesse & the Saarland.

Training Venue:

**innenmehr
Am Tempelhofer Berg 7d
10965 Berlin**

Information on the Trainers

Core Trainers

Christoph C. Paul



Christoph C. Paul is an attorney, notary ret., trainer and cross-border family mediator. He is co-founder and patron of *MiKK e.V. - International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction*. He is editor of various publications on cross-border family mediation, including *Cross-Border Family Mediation*, Paul, C.C. and Kiesewetter, S. (eds.), 2014. He holds the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for the implementation of cross-border mediation in family conflicts and child abduction 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.

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Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome



Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome is a trainer, cross-border family mediator and family lawyer. She is Head of Advisory Services and Co-CEO at *MiKK e.V. - International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction* in Berlin. Prior to joining *MiKK* in 2014 she practiced family law for nine years with Dawson Cornwell, a London based family law firm specialized in international family law disputes including child abduction cases. Before that, Ischtar worked as a case manager at the child abduction NGO *Reunite International* in London. She completed her Legal Studies in London at BPP University Law School and 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, as well a Master’s Degree in German and English and a teaching qualification from the Freie Universität (FU) Berlin. Ischtar qualified as a mediator with the Family Mediators Association (FMA) in London as well as with Inmedio (Multi-Track Peace Mediation) in Berlin. She also trained in Child Inclusive Mediation (CIM) with the FMA. Ischtar is a practicing cross-border mediator and has provided diverse training in this field for *MiKK* internationally as well as for other organizations, i.e. the Academy of European Law (ERA). She has published on family law and mediation in e.g. *The Family Law Journal*, *Spektrum der Mediation* and *Die (Wirtschafts)mediation*.

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Guest Trainers

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.

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Sabine Brieger



Former Judge and Family Judge in different courts in Berlin since 1982, then Family Judge in the Court of Pankow/Weißensee in Berlin. She is specialized in international family law and since 2004 in abduction cases (Hague Convention of 1980). Sabine Brieger was a Network Judge in the Hague Network of Judges and in the European Judicial Network. Since 2006 she has also worked as a Mediator in Family affairs.

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Spiros Livadopoulos



is a lawyer with seventeen years' experience providing consulting and litigation services to individuals and organizations in civil, commercial and family law matters. Accredited by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) in the UK and the Greek Ministry of Justice, with extensive experience in the field of mediation, negotiation and conflict resolution in Greece and abroad. He is working also in the field of family mediation mostly on cross border cases. He has been further trained and certified in International Family Mediation by the EU TIM project. As trainer he regularly trains mediators at Piraeus Mediation Center (Greece). He has also offered workshops in International Family Mediation organized by the European Law Academy ERA, to lawyers and judges. He is a Rotary Peace Fellow 2017 and he is certified in Peace Building and Conflict Resolution. Contact: slivadopoulos@gmail.com

Susana Borges Gomes



Susana studied educational sciences and media studies in Freiburg. She then trained as a child psychotherapist at the Academy of Psychotherapy and Intervention Research at the University of Potsdam. From 2011 to 2019 Susana was Head of the Day Clinic for Toddler and Preschool Children at the Child Psychiatry Department of St. Joseph Hospital in Berlin. Since 2018 she has also been working in private practice. Susana is specialized in child attachment disorders and posttraumatic stress disorder. Contact: Susana-gomes@web.de

Catharina Laverty



Born and bred in Berlin Catharina 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 initially 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. She also works in the advisory service at MiKK.

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Guest Speaker

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.

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Further reading

Freeman, Marilyn, Parental Child Abduction: The Long-Term Effects. 2014
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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

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Please select **only one** of the boxes below:

- Early Bird Fee:** EUR 1,700 (registration **before 30 April 2020**)
- Full Fee:** EUR 1,850
- Eligible Country Fee:** EUR 1,250 (Please refer to the list of eligible countries at www.mikk-ev.de under "Training"). Proof of residence is required prior to registration and should be emailed to MiKK at: info@mikk-ev.de

Please transfer the applicable fee to MiKK's bank account as indicated below, noting **your name** and "**CBFM Sep 2020**".

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After 20th June 2020: The full amount is to be paid or an alternative person may be sent.

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I have the following cultural background(s): _____

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I am a qualified mediator.

I am a qualified family mediator.

I have experience in family mediation.

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