



Cross-Border Family Mediation 20th – 26th September 2015

This 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, including national family law, 1980 and 1996 Hague Conventions and the Brussels II *bis* Regulation. Participants will receive an overview of organizations in Europe which provide cross-border mediation in parental child abduction cases and 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 and interdisciplinary cooperation.

We look forward to working with legal, psycho-social and educational 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 the mediation of international family conflicts. The concept employed in this training was developed and piloted in the context of the EU Civil Justice project "Training in International Family Mediation" 2010 – 2012. MiKK trainers have conducted similar seminars in Berlin, Brussels, Australia, Japan, Russia and Kosovo. Participants who complete the training may join the MiKK pool of mediators and the Network of European International Family Mediators (www.crossbordermediator.eu).

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

Sybille Kiesewetter, psychologist, mediator, trainer

Lillian van Wesemael, mediator, trainer, coach

Guest Trainer

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

Programme/ Overview

SUNDAY, 20th September 2015

9.30 – 13.30

Christoph C. Paul, Sybille Kiesewetter

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 and trainers (at own expense)

MONDAY, 21st September 2015

9.00 – 13.30

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Christoph C. Paul, Sybille Kiesewetter

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 – 18.30

- 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”

TUESDAY, 22nd September 2015

9.00 – 13.30

Christoph C. Paul, Sybille Kiesewetter

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome

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

14.30 – 16.30

Judge Sabine Brieger

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

- MiKK Mediators in the Courtroom - Introduction to "MiC"
- How liaison judges can actively support the implementation of agreements resulting from a mediation
- Making the memorandum of understanding legally binding
- Working with a mirror orders and safe harbour order
- Hague Convention Liaison Judges Network

16.30 – 18.30

Christoph C. Paul, Sybille Kiesewetter

Ischtar Khalaf-Newsome

Mediation across cultures

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

Tools and methodologies II

Mid-seminar evaluation

WEDNESDAY, 23rd September 2015

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)

19.00 – 20.30

Invitation to drinks at home of MiKK Board Member Ludwig Linden and his wife

THURSDAY, 24th September 2015

9.00 – 13.30

Lillian van Wesemael, Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome,

- 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, 25th September 2015

9.00 – 13.30

Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome, Lillian van Wesemael

- Mediation and languages: coping with 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

Dilemma situations

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

Farewell dinner with all participants and trainers (at own expense)

SATURDAY, 26th September 2015

9.30 – 15.30

Christoph C. Paul, Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome

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

The programme is subject to change.

Registration fee: EUR 1,800

Venue of the training:

Mediationsakademie
Mommsenstr. 45
10629 Berlin-Charlottenburg

Status: 13.07.2015

Further reading

Paul, C.C. and Kiesewetter, S., Cross-Border Family Mediation: International Parental Child Abduction, Custody and Access Cases. 2011, Wolfgang Metzner Verlag GmbH, Frankfurt – the second edition is in preparation: publishing date foreseen for late summer 2014

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, S. 167-173

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

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)

Registration

Cross-Border Family Mediation Seminar

Sunday, 20th September - Saturday, 26th September 2015

I wish to register for the Cross-Border Family Mediation Seminar to be held in Berlin from 20th – 26th September 2015.

I understand that my application is valid only after full payment of the registration fee of **EUR 1,800** has been received on the MiKK bank account indicated below:

MiKK e.V.
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Cancellation fees

Up until 30th July 2015: EUR 250, or an alternative person may be sent.

After 30th July 2015: 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: _____

I am a qualified family mediator. I have experience in family mediation.

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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