

THE CHILD IN INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION CASES

Training for lawyers, judges, court officials and social workers

Thursday, 14th March 2019

University of Genoa, Albergo dei Poveri (Piazzale Emanuele Brignole n. 3A, 16125, Genova)

10.00 [Registration and pre-evaluation](#)

11.00 – 13.00 [Plenary session](#)

Child abduction in the Brussels IIa Regulation

Thalia Kruger

University of Antwerp

The VOICE project: structure, content and outcomes

Hilde Demarré

Missing Children Europe

The hearing of the child in Europe: an overview

Tine Van Hof, Sara Lembrechts

Researchers VOICE, University of Antwerp

The hearing of the child and deontology

Giacomo Biagioni, *University of Cagliari*

Q/A

13.00 – 14.30 [Lunch and networking](#)

14.30 – 15.30 [Plenary session](#)

Testimony

Arran Van Aerschot

The long-term effects of child abduction

Marilyn Freeman

International Centre for Family Law, Policy and Practice

Psychological Impact of Child Abduction and The Voice of the Child

Drs. Birgitte M.J.Beelen

Psychologist, Cross-border mediator, trainer, SYNTAGMA

(International Centre for Psychology Mediation Coaching Training Supervision)

16.00 – 17.00 [Parallel sessions](#)

Session 1: The best interests of the child in practice

Moderated by **Giovanni Sciaccaluga**

Researcher VOICE, University of Genoa

Session 2: Circumstances of hearing children and development of concrete strategies

Moderated by **Francesca Maoli**

Researcher VOICE, University of Genoa

17.00 – 17.30 [Coffee break](#)

17.30 – 18.30 [Plenary session](#)

Reporting of the parallel sessions and linking the output to child psychology

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9.30 – 10.30 [Plenary session](#)

The role of Central Authorities

Mediation in child abduction cases

Marije Meijer

Centum IKO

Inspiration from the Netherlands – The role of the special curator

Lillian van Wesemael and Anneke van Teylingen

Special curator from the Netherlands

Q/A

10.30 – 10.45 [Coffee break](#)

10.45 – 12.00 [Parallel sessions](#)

Session 1: Mediation in Cross-Border Family Conflicts and Child Abduction Cases: Why and How the Lawyers are Involved Throughout the Mediation Process

Moderated by **IshtarKhalaf-Newsome and Michael Ford**
Experts from Mikk

Session 2: Talking with children: a Dutch example of the Guardian at Litem

Moderated by **Lillian van Wesemael and Anneke van Teylingen**
Special curator from the Netherlands

12.00 – 13.00 [Plenary session](#)

Reporting of the parallel sessions

Sara Lembrechts

University of Antwerp

Stefano Dominelli

University of Milan

Child Abduction: recent case law from Italian courts

Luca Villa

President Juvenile Court of Genoa

[Concluding remarks](#)

Thalia Kruger

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Laura Carpaneto

University of Genoa