

Training: the well-being of children in international child abduction proceedings

Thursday 6 December 2018

University of Antwerp, City Campus (Grote Kauwenberg 18, 2000 Antwerp), Room D015

10:00	Registration	
10:30	Questionnaire	
	Plenary session	
11:00	Presentation on EWELL – The wellbeing of children in international child abduction cases (statistical analysis)	Professor Koen Ponnet Department Communication Sciences, imec-mict Ghent University
	Presentation on Conclusions and recommendations from children and judges to improve children’s position in child abduction proceedings	Sara Lembrechts, Kim Van Hoorde and Marieke Putters Researchers EWELL
13:00	Lunch and networking	
14:00	Testimony about being heard by the judge	Arran Van Aerschot
14:30	Parallel sessions	
	Session 1: Mediation – Why the lawyers need to be on board	Ishtar Khalaf-Newsome and Michael Ford Experts from Mikk
	Session 2: Inspiration from the Netherlands – The role of the special curator	Anneke van Teylingen and Lillian van Wesemael Special curators from the Netherlands
16:00	Coffee break	
16:30	Plenary session	
	Reporting on the parallel sessions and linking the output to child psychology	Professor Nicole Vliegen Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences KULeuven Giovanni Sciacaluga and Francesca Maoli Researchers VOICE University of Genoa
17:00	Concluding remarks	
17:15	End of first day	
17:20 – 19:00	Screening of the movie <i>The Children Act</i> and reception (optional) – <i>Room C002</i>	

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09:00	Plenary session	
	Panel discussion: What is the most appropriate level to address the best interests of the child at?	<p><i>Tsisana Shamlikashvili</i> Professor – International Academy of Mediators</p> <p><i>Karlijne Van Bree</i> Attaché – Belgian Central Authority</p>
10:00	Coffee break	
10:30	Parallel sessions	
	Development of concrete strategies / solutions on how to inform the child in international child abduction proceedings	<p>Moderated by <i>Sara Lembrechts and Tine Van Hof</i> Researchers VOICE University of Antwerp</p>
12:00	Plenary session	
	Reporting on the parallel sessions	<p><i>Giovanni Sciacaluga and Francesca Maoli</i> Researchers VOICE University of Genoa</p>
12:45	Concluding remarks	
		<p><i>Professor Thalia Kruger</i> University of Antwerp</p> <p><i>Professor Laura Carpaneto</i> University of Genoa</p>
13:00	End of the training	