

# THE CHILD IN INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION CASES

Training for lawyers, judges, court officials and social workers

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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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## **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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### 9.30 – 10.30 [Plenary session](#)

The role of Central Authorities

Mediation in child abduction cases

**Mathijs Storm**

*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 **IschtarKhalaf-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](#)

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*University of Antwerp*

**Laura Carpaneto**

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