

The Role of Children in 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention Proceedings

Genoa Workshop: 8 and 9 March 2018

PROGRAMME

Thursday 8 March 2018

Venue: University of Genoa: Department of Political Sciences, Piazzale Emanuele Brignole n.3. Room 16

- 4.30-5.00 pm **Lecture Registration**
- 5.00-5.30pm **Welcome:**
Professor Marilyn Freeman, University of Westminster, London
Associate Professor Nicola Taylor, University of Otago, New Zealand
- 5.30pm-7.00pm **Keynote lecture: The Brussels 11a Recast and Guaranteeing the Best Interests of the Child**
Professor Thalia Kruger, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Friday 9 March 2018

Venue: University of Genoa: Department of Political Sciences, Piazzale Emanuele Brignole n.3. Room 16

- 9.00am **Registration**
- Chairperson of Morning Session:** Professor Maria Caterina Baruffi,
Full Professor of International Law, University of Verona
- 9.30-10.00am **Opening Address** by Professor Ilaria Queirolo, Full Professor of
International Law, University of Genoa, Italy
- 10.00-10.30am ***The Operation of the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention:
Findings from a Statistical Study of all Return and Access
Applications in 2015***
Victoria Stephens, Freelance Researcher for the Permanent Bureau of
the Hague Conference



10.30-11.00am ***Hearing Abducted Children in Court – Findings from Belgian, Dutch and French Case Law***
Sara Lembrechts, University of Antwerp, The Netherlands

11.00-11.30am Coffee Break

11.30-12.00pm ***The Wellbeing of Children in Cases of International Child Abduction***
Hilde Demarre, Project Officer, Missing Children Europe

12.00-1.00pm ***Outcomes for Objecting Children under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction: Key Findings from the British Academy Funded Demonstration Project in England/Wales and New Zealand***
Professor Marilyn Freeman and Associate Professor Nicola Taylor

1.00-2.00pm Lunch

Chairperson of Afternoon Session: Professor Costanza Honorati, Full Professor of European Union (EU) Law, Milano-Bicocca University School of Law, Italy

2.00-3.30pm ***Panel: International Practitioner Perspectives on Children's Objections and the Role of Children in 1980 Hague Convention proceedings***

- Italy: Marzia Ghigliazza, Secretary International Child Abduction Lawyers Italy (ICALI)
- Greece: Karolina Zoi Andriakopoulou, Lawyer, Athens
- England and Wales: James Netto, Solicitor, London
- Spain: Christopher Lee, English Solicitor and Spanish Abogado
- Poland: Kamila Zagórska, Ministry of Justice

Discussion

3.30-4.00pm **Italian Round Table Discussion**
Anna Maria Panfili – Studio Legale Munari Giudici Maniglio e Panfili
Judge Giuliana Tondina – Genoa's Tribunal of Minors
Elena Montorsi - Italian psychologist

4.00-4.30pm **Wrap-up, Future Directions and Take-away Points**
Chairperson: Professor Marilyn Freeman and Associate Professor Nicola Taylor

Close of Workshop