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Conference Programme

INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION, RELOCATION AND FORCED MARRIAGE

THREE LINKED TOPICS AND THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

30 June 2010 – 2 July 2010

Location:

London Metropolitan University,
16 Goulston Street,
London, E1 7TP

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WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE

08.30	Registration, Tea & Coffee -The Atrium	
Morning Session Chair: Frances Burton , Co-Director, Centre for Family Law and Practice, London Metropolitan University		
09.00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Title: tbc	The Rt Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond Patron of the Centre for Family Law and Practice
09.30	Welcome to London	Boris Johnson M.P, Mayor of London (tbc)
	Welcome to London Metropolitan University	The Vice Chancellor, London Metropolitan University
	Welcome to the Centre for Family law and Practice	The Co-Directors, Dr Marilyn Freeman, Reader in Family and Child Law, and Frances Burton, Visiting Lecturer in Family and Property, London Metropolitan University
PLENARY SESSIONS		
09.45	International Child Abduction: Keeping the 1980 Convention on Child Abduction Up to Speed. Is it time for a Protocol?	Professor William Duncan, Deputy Secretary General, Hague Conference on Private International Law
10.15	International Child Abduction: Child Abduction after Brussels II Revised	Henry Setright, Q.C. and David Williams, 4 Paper Buildings, London
10.45	Tea & Coffee- The Atrium	
11.05	Forced Marriage: The operation of The Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007.	Minister of State (tbc)
11.25	Forced Marriage: British Initiatives and International Approaches	Anne-Marie Hutchinson, OBE, Partner, Dawson Cornwell
11.55	Forced Marriage: Combating Forced Marriage and Child Marriages in Sweden	Professor Maarit Jänterä-Jareborg, Professor of Private International Law with International Civil Procedure, Uppsala University, Legal Consultant Swedish Ministry of Justice
12.25	Forced Marriage: The risk factors and the effect of raising the minimum age for a sponsor, and of leave to enter the UK as a spouse or fiancé(e).	Professor Marianne Hester, NSPCC Professor of Child Exploitation, School for Policy Studies, Bristol University
12.55	Lunch – The Atrium	

13.55	BREAK OUT DISCUSSION SESSIONS		
	(1) International Child Abduction	(2) Relocation	(3) Forced Marriage
Title	Further thoughts on the need for a protocol	How should we determine a child's best interests in a case where one parent wants to live in a different place from the other parent?	Forced Marriage and Immigration
Chair	Professor William Duncan, The Hague Conference on Private International Law	Professor Mark Henaghan, Dean, Law Faculty, Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand	Professor Judith Masson, Professor of Socio-legal Studies, University of Bristol, Academic member of the Family Justice Council
14.55	Tea & Coffee – The Atrium		
Afternoon Conference Chair: The Honourable Mrs Justice Belinda Van Heerden , Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court of Appeal, South Africa			
PLENARY SESSIONS			
15.15	Psychological Considerations: The Comparative Views	Professor Peter De Cruz, Liverpool John Moore's University	
15.45	Children's perspectives and outcomes in the aftermath of relocation disputes	Dr. Judy Cashmore, Associate Professor of Law, University of Sydney	
16.15	The Hague Children's Conventions: Co-operative Efforts in Private International Law on Behalf of Children	Professor Linda Silberman, Martin Lipton Professor of Law, New York University	
16.45	State responsibility and the child's right to protection from abduction	Dr. Ruth Farrugia, Advocate and Senior Lecturer, University of Malta and Legal Consultant to the Commissioner for Children, Malta	
17.15	Topic tbc	Lord Justice Thorpe, Head of International Family Justice, Royal Courts of Justice, London	
17.45	End of Day One		

Evening Social Event: Reception, 29 Bedford Row Chambers

THURSDAY 1ST JULY

09.00	Registration, Tea & Coffee -The Atrium	
09.15	Welcome to the Second Day at London Metropolitan University and the Centre for Family law and Practice	Dr. Marilyn Freeman, Co-Director, Centre for Family Law and Practice, London Metropolitan University
PLENARY SESSION: INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION		
Morning Session Chair: Anne-Marie Hutchinson, OBE , Dawson Cornwell, London		
09.20	International Disorder and the Child Abduction Convention	Professor Frank Bates, The University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia
09.50	Reflections on the Communitarisation of Child Abduction Law	Professor Peter McEavey, University of Dundee
10.20	The Influence of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on the implementation of the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention	Dr. Rhona Schuz, Co-director, Centre for the Rights of the Child and Family, Sha'arei Mishpat College, Israel
10.50	Tea & Coffee – The Atrium	
PLENARY SESSION: RELOCATION		
Session Chair: Henry Setright, Q.C. 4 Paper Buildings Chambers, London		
11.10	The reunite relocation research	Dr Marilyn Freeman, Co-Director, The Centre for Family Law and Practice, London Metropolitan University
11.40	What happens when the relocation dispute is over? Findings from a prospective longitudinal study	Professor Patrick Parkinson, University of Sydney
12.10	The New Zealand relocation research	Professor Mark Henaghan, Dean Law Faculty, Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand and Dr. Nicola Taylor, University of Otago Auckland Centre
12.40	Have Judges been missing the point and allowing relocation too readily?	Justice Peter Boshier, Principal Family Court Judge, New Zealand
13.10	Lunch – The Atrium	

14.10	BREAK OUT DISCUSSION SESSIONS		
	(1) International Child Abduction	(2) Relocation	(3) Forced Marriage
Title	The Children's Rights Perspective	Beyond polarisation: finding the middle ground in policy about relocation	The Issue of Consent. Introduced by the Forced Marriage Unit (Foreign and Commonwealth Office/Home Office)
Chair	Professor Jane Fortin, Sussex University	Professor Patrick Parkinson, University of Sydney	David Hodson, Solicitor & Mediator, The International Family Law Group, London. DDJ at PRFD
15.10	Tea & Coffee – The Atrium		
PARALLEL SESSIONS			
	(1) International Child Abduction		(2) Relocation
Session Chair	Timothy Scott QC, 29 Bedford Row, Chambers	Session Chair	Mr Justice Ben Stephens, High Court of Northern Ireland
15.30	Linking Child Abduction and the Free movement of Persons in European Law. Ruth Lamont, Centre for Law in its International Context, Sheffield	15.30	Motherhood, Autonomy, and Post-Separation Parenting Law. Professor Susan B Boyd, Chair in Feminist Legal Studies, University of British Columbia, Canada
16.00	Developments in New Zealand Practice in cases of International Child Abduction. Emma Parsons and Alex Ashmore, Legal Practitioners, New Zealand	16.00	Balancing Interests of Parents and Children in International Relocation Cases. Professor Linda D. Elrod, Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law and Director, Children and Family Law Center, Washburn University School of Law, Kansas, USA
16.30	The US Perspective on the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention. Stephen J. Cullen, Kelly Powers, Attorneys, Miles & Stockbridge, United States.	16.30	Topic: tbc Carolynn Usher, Partner, International Family Law Group, London
17.00	Australian Practice. Michael Nicholls QC, 1 Hare Court, Former Head of the Lord Chancellor's Child Abduction Unit	17.00	The Interventionist approach of the Australian courts in relocation cases Associate Professor Lisa Young, Murdoch University, Australia.
17.30	End of day		

Evening Reception - The Terrace Pavilion, The House of Commons

FRIDAY 2ND JULY

09.00	Continuing Registration, Tea & Coffee - The Atrium			
09.15	Welcome to the third day at London Metropolitan University and the Centre for Family Law and Practice	Frances Burton, Visiting Lecturer in Family and Property, London Metropolitan University		
PLENARY SESSION: INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION				
Session Chair: Marcus Scott Manderson, QC , 4 Paper Buildings, London				
09.20	Conceptualising Family Abduction from the Child's Perspective: Lessons from Take Root	Liss Haviv, Executive Director, Take Root, US organisation providing peer support for former abducted children and education for professionals and public on matters relating to child abduction and its effects.		
09.50	Gendered Perspectives on Interstate and Intrastate Moves	Dr. Ayelet Blecher-Prigat, Shaarei Mishpat Law College, Israel		
10.20	Non-Convention States and International Child Abduction	Dr Adel Omar Sherif, Deputy Chief Justice, Egypt		
10.50	Mediation in cases of International Child Abduction	Denise Carter, OBE, Director, reunite, International Child Abduction Centre.		
11.20	Tea & Coffee – The Atrium			
PARALLEL SESSIONS				
11.40 to 13.10	(A) International Child Abduction	(B) Non-Convention International Child Abduction	(C) Relocation	(D) Forced Marriage
Chair	Pamela Scriven QC 1KBW Chambers, London	Dr. Adel Omar Sherif Deputy Chief Justice, Supreme Constitutional Court, Egypt	Professor Merle Weiner University of Oregon, USA	Rachel Langdale QC 7 Bedford Row
11.40	The Hague Convention and the 'Most Expeditious Means' Test Roshnee Mansingh, Advocate, Johannesburg	International Child Abduction and Non-Convention States, the practical difficulties Lisa Jennians, Head of the Child Abduction Section, Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Identity and Culture - The impact of Statutory Criteria in the determination of Best Interests Associate Professor Lee Ann Basser, La Trobe University, Melbourne	Topic tbc Rani Atma, Chair and Founder, Asian Family Counselling Service

	(A) International Child Abduction	(B) Non-Convention International Child Abduction	(C) Relocation	(D) Forced Marriage
12.10	Stranded Spouses and abduction "Stranded Spouses-a shell of existence" Teertha Gupta, 4 Paper Buildings, London	Indian Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction Bill 2007 and the Indian perspective on International child Abduction Anil Malhotra, Lawyer, Malhotra and Malhotra Associates India	The Swedish Relocation Position Professor Johanna Schiratzki, Stockholm University	Forced Marriage - The Indian Perspective Ranjit Malhotra, Lawyer, Malhotra and Malhotra Associates. India.
12.40	Mediating International Parental Kidnapping Cases in the United States: Ethical and Practical Considerations for Mediators on the Front Lines Asst Professor Jennifer Zawid, University of Miami School of Law, USA	A Paradise for kidnapping parents, public discourses on Parental Abduction in the Netherlands (1969-2009) Associate Professor Betty de Hart, Radboud University, Nijmegen	The New South African Children Act and hearing the child's voice Zenobia du Toit, Attorney, Miller du Toit Cloete, South Africa	The Role of cultural and religious difference in understandings of marriage and sexuality as a factor in forced marriage Catherine Shelly, PhD Student, Manchester University
13.10	The Wishes and Best Interest of the Child in Mediation Associate Professor Eva Ryrstedt, Faculty of Law, University of Lund, Sweden	Parental Conduct of Transnational Parental Child Abduction and Disputed Child Custody Disputes: Dutch/ Moroccan and Dutch/ Egyptian Strategies Dr Jessica Carlisle, PHD student, Radboud University, Nijmegen	Relocation and International Children: A Better Direction for Children Ann Thomas, Solicitor, International Family Law Group, London	Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007: Impact on public and voluntary section service providers Dr Nazia Khanum, OBE, Equality and diversity, an independent consultancy in management, consultancy and training
13.40	Lunch – The Atrium			
14.40	The Rt Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond Patron of the Centre for Family Law and Practice			

15.10	BREAK OUT DISCUSSION SESSIONS		
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Title	The Human Rights Perspective	The child focussed issues and evidence that Judges need to decide relocation cases properly	Some Marriages are not Made in Heaven
Chair	Professor Philip Leach The Human Rights and Social Justice Institute, London Metropolitan University	His Honour Judge Peter Boshier Principal Family Court Judge, New Zealand	Mr Justice Singer, The High Court of Justice, England
16.10	Tea & Coffee – The Atrium		
PLENARY SESSION: INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION			
Session Chair: Stephen Gilmore , King's College, London			
16.30	Court Decisions about Relocation in Australia: An Empirical Study Focusing on Parents' Experiences	Dr. Juliet Behrens, Dr. Rae Kaspiw, Bruce Smyth, The Australian National University College of Law	
17.00	Relocation after parental separation in England and The Netherlands. The duty "to parent by doing" versus a parent's right to relocate	Prof. dr Wendy Schrama and Dr. Machteld Vonk, Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, and University of Antwerp, Belgium	
17.30	Children's Welfare in Relocation Disputes: Differing Interpretations in England and New Zealand	Robert George, Lecturer in Law, Jesus College, Oxford	
18.00	CLOSE OF CONFERENCE	Dr. Marilyn Freeman and Frances Burton, Co-Directors, Centre for Family Law and Practice, London Metropolitan University	

Evening Social Event: Conference Dinner, LINCOLN'S INN

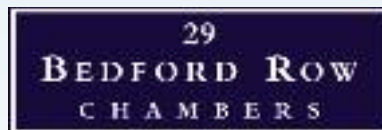
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