

23rd ANNUAL FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE MdT / UWC 2020

DATE: THURSDAY, 12th of MARCH 2020

VENUE: THE PRESIDENT HOTEL, Alexander Road, Sea Point

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07h30 -08h30 Registration at the President Hotel

08h30 SESSION ROOM 1
Please be seated by 08h30

08h30 – 08h40 Welcome and opening – Prof Jacques de Ville, Dean, UWC

08h40 – 13h00 **Update on the Hague Children’s Conventions and the work of the Hague Conference on parentage/surrogacy**

- Gérardine Goh Escolar (The Hague Conference)
- Capucine Page (The Hague Conference)
- Lord Justice Andrew Moylan (England)
- Associate Justice Brana Obradovic (Federal Court, Australia)
- Justice Connie Mocumie (SCA) (SA)
- Justice Kate Pillay (High Court, KZN)
- Judge (Gauteng) (to be confirmed)
- Diahann Gordon-Harrison (National Rapporteur on Trafficking, Jamaica)
- Adoption – representative from Namibia
- Rachel Kelsey (Scotland, IAFL)
- Annemarie Hutchinson, OBE, QC (Dawson Cornwall, England)
- Adv Pat Moodley (Regional Head, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, KZN)

TEA (20 min)

13h00 – 14h00 **LUNCH (at President Hotel)**

14h00 – 17h10 **LGBTQI rights and family law**

- Prof Julia Sloth-Nielsen (UWC, SA) and Rachel Sloth-Nielsen
- Dr Anastacia Tomson (SA) – [wants to be on 13/2 or morning 12/3]
- Liberty Matthyse (Director, Gender Dynamix)
- Tashwill Esterhuizen (LGBTQI and Sex Worker Programme - Southern African Litigation Centre)

TEA (20 min)

Surrogacy and Alternative Reproduction

Prof Jens Scherpe (Cambridge University)

Stephen Page (Australia)

Barbara Connolly QC (London)

Adv Janet McCurdie SC (Cape Bar)

17h10 – 17h30

Child Abduction

The “POAM Project” – the intersection between domestic violence and international parental child abduction – Onyoja Momoh (Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, University of Aberdeen, Barrister, London)

Leslie Kaufman (Central Authority, Israel) (to be confirmed)

19h30

Optional dinner (cash bar available)

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| 08h45 – 10h00 | SESSION ROOM 2
Mediation and Arbitration in family and child law disputes
- Dr Robert Simon (USA) |
| 10h00 – 10h40 | TEA

Chair:- Elizabeth Picker (Australia)
Movie and discussion – Darren Mort, Vincent Papaleo |
| 10h40 – 12h30 | Custody Fatigue Syndrome

- Stacey Heard & Maria Vadas (USA)
- Janet Bytheway (Neuro-science)
- Larissa Panieri-Pieters (Psychiatrist)
- Vincent Papaleo (Australia) |
| 12h30 – 13h00 | Chair:- Astrid Martalas
Millennials and how to communicate with them - Jaap Scholten |
| 13h00 – 14h00 | LUNCH |
| 14h00 – 15h00 | Reform of ADR in relation to family law matters and developing family law – an interactive session

- Ananda Louw (SA Law Commission) |
| 15h00 -15h20 | TEA |
| 15h20 – 16h40 | Mediation discussion: Robert Simon, Craig Schneider, Martin Yodaiken, John O’Leary, Vincent Papaleo (Australia)

[NOTE: - The expert witness in court and family law disputes] |
| 16h40 | Young Speakers Forum competition
Gayatri Malhotra (India) " <i>Is Family Law out of the Closet? Navigating Discrimination, Heteronormativity and Finding Queer Families in Indian Family Law</i> "

Danielle Louw – "The Rights of the girl child and the Campaign for the exemption of sanitary pads from VAT" |

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08h30 -10h20	<p>SESSION ROOM 1 Reform of SA marriage law</p> <p>The Single Marriage issue paper – Prof Wesahl Domingo (Wits University, SA Law Commission) – An interactive session</p> <p>Domestic partnerships</p> <p>Muslim Marriage update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adv Stewart Humphrey SC (Durban) - Speaker (to be confirmed)
10h20 – 10h40	TEA
10h40 – 11h00	
11h00 -13h00	<p>Proprietary claims, offshore assets, structures, discovery and the expert witness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephen Baker (Barker & Co, Jersey) - Edward H Davis Jr (Miami, USA) - Adv Pincus SC (Cape Town) - Faye Hall (Accountant, UK) - SA accountant
13h00 – 14h00	LUNCH
14h00 – 16h00	<p>Comparative Family Law SA and elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nancy Zalusky Berg (Minneapolis, USA) - Rahima Nato-Kalfane (BWG Associates, Paris) - Hirotaka Honda (Honda Law Office, Japan) - Marcus Dearle (Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, England and Hong Kong) - Jaqueline Julyan SC (SA and UK)
16h00 – 16h20	TEA
16h20 – 17h30	<p>Ethics and Family Law Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nancy Zalusky Berg (Minneapolis, USA) - Rachael Kelsey, IAFL (Scotland) - SA Lawyer
17h30	<p>Closure and cocktail party at venue Sponsors:- IAFL (International Association of Family Lawyers) 5SAH – 5 St Andrews Hill, London</p>

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08h30 – 10h20	<p>Children’s Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law reform and digital media – Benyam Mezmur (Chair, UNCRC) - Protecting children in domestic violence - Adv Pat Moodley (Regional Head, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, KZN) - Martin O. Onyango (Senior Legal Adviser for Africa, Kenya) - Hearing the voice of the child – Adv Julia Anderssen (Cape Bar) - Karabo Ozah (Centre for Child Law)
10h20 – 10h40	TEA
10h40 – 13h00	<p>Customary Law_(Chair: Prof Lea Mwambene, UWC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rethinking Customary Law and women’s rights in Nigeria – Dr Anthony Diala, UWC - Custody disputes and African Customary Law in South Africa – Prof Lea Mwambene (UWC) and Dr Nkanyiso Sibanda (UWC) - Rethinking the gender – culture law nexus through the lens of child marriage and bride wealth payment – Dr Jane Diala (UCT) - Woman and woman marriage in customary law – Kagiso Maphelo
13h00 – 14h00	LUNCH
14h00 – 14h30	<p>Developing Family Law and Procedural Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adv Barbara Gassner SC (Cape Bar) (to be confirmed)
14h30 – 16h00	<p>Juvenile Justice Chairs:- Magdalena Arczewska (Poland) David Stuchi (Juvenile Judge, USA)</p> <p>Questions / debate session Children of imprisoned mothers – Magdalena Arczewska (Poland)</p>
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