Child Participation in family and protection matters: an AIMJF’s research with a panorama of 36 countries

Date: Wednesday, 17th November 2021
Timing: 18:00 - 19:30 CET, 17:00 - 18:30 London
Organiser(s): Dr. Eduardo Rezende Melo - Judge in Brazil, Pedagogical Coordinator of the São Paulo State School of Magistrates, Editor in Chief and Pedagogical Coordinator of AIMJF
Institution: AIMJF
Type of Workshop: Panel discussion
Topics: Ensuring that the voice of the child is heard in child justice.
Region: International
Language: English

Abstract
The panel to share outcomes of an AIMJF collaborative research involving 36 countries on child participation in family and protection matters, focusing on the child’s condition of party and the right to legal representation, adaptation of spaces such as court rooms, protocols on how to hear the child among other areas.

Three key take-aways of the session
- Child participation
- Child friendly justice
- Good practices in comparative analysis

Objectives
- To identify common trends and disparities among countries regarding child participation in family and protection matters
- Identify perspectives to improve a child rights based approach
- Networking
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Expected Outcomes:
➢ Participants to increase their knowledge and awareness on individual assessment of child victims, suspects and accused in criminal proceedings
➢ Participants to reflect on opportunities to improve practices, change attitudes and promote child-focused multidisciplinary tools for professionals working with children

Speakers
● Moderator: Dr. Eduardo Rezende Melo

Panelists
1. Dr. Eduardo Rezende Melo
Judge in Brazil, holds a PhD in Human Rights and post PhD studies in Social Sciences. A graduate in Law and Philosophy with a specialization in criminal law and criminology and children studies. He is the Editor in Chief of the Chronicle, the AIMJF's Journal and its pedagogical coordinator

2. Prof. Dr. Mona Paré
Full Professor and Vice-Dean for Graduate Studies at University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section. She is the Director of Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC/LRIDE).

3. Prof. Mariëlle Bruning
Full Professor of Child Law at Leiden Law School and founder of the Leiden Child Law Department. She is Programme Director of the Dutch LLM Child Law and teaches Child Protection in the LLM Advanced Studies in International Children’s Rights programme. Her research focuses on youth care, child protection, children in alternative care, violence against children and child participation in legal proceedings and children’s rights. She’s an honorary deputy (juvenile) judge at the Amsterdam District Court.

4. Joseph Moyersoen- Honorary judge
A graduate in law (State University of Milan). Specialized in human and children rights. Currently works as an external expert with the General Direction of Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with NGOs, for monitoring and evaluation on juvenile justice. Honorary judge at the Juvenile Court of Genoa and former president of the AIMJF.

5. Prof. Agustina Diaz Cordero
A national Family Judge in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She holds a master degree in Family Law and children’s rights and is Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Buenos Aires.