



STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON PARENTAL ALIENATION

SKEPPSHOLMEN, STOCKHOLM 24–25 AUGUST 2018

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An old man sat with his grandchild
in his lap. He said to the child:

– Within us all two wolves live who fight. One is called
love and courage, the other one **hate** and fear.

– **Who wins?** Asks the grandchild.

His grandfather answers:

– **The one we feed.**

This is an invitation to a conference and further education in August 24–25 in an island in Stockholm centre called Skeppsholmen. It is about the harm done to children in high conflict custody disputes, when they are turned against one of their parents – without any justification for that.

Responsible for the arrangement is the Swedish organization called PASG Nordic, a branch of Parental Alienation Study Group. PASG is a non profit organization with 450 members from 42 countries. The conference language is English.

To register for participation look for pasgnordic.com, and then register through Reachem. The price, including all lectures, lunches and snacks two days, is 4 500 SEK = 436 Euros = 518 USD. Don't forget to consider the suggested social activities. See program below.

Welcome!

DAY ONE, AUGUST 24: PARENTAL ALIENATION – WHAT IS IT?

William Bernet, M.D., a forensic child psychiatrist, professor emeritus at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, the president of the Parental Alienation Study Group (PASG), the editor of Parental Alienation, DSM-5 and ICD-11:

The scientific foundation for parental alienation

Amy Baker, Ph.D. a research psychologist in New York, author of several empirical studies on parental alienation, author of Adult Children of Parental Alienation: **What research says about parental alienation strategies and the harm done to children and families**

William Fabricius, Ph.D., an associate professor in psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University, researching children's mental and psychological health: **Shared parenting time and the child's best interests**

Nick Child, M.D., a child psychiatrist and family therapist in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, campaigning to influence key people and raise the profile of parental alienation: **Finding PA on a bigger map: Useful learning from wider perspectives**

Steven Miller, M.D., holds degrees in psychology and medicine, for 30 years a clinical instructor at Harvard Medical School and presently he does consulting work through the Massachusetts Medical Education Group, LLC: **When a child has a legitimate reason to reject a parent vs. parental alienation**

Simona Vladica, Ph.D., a psychologist and authorized mediator in Bucharest, Romania, faculty member of the Universitatea Ecologica din Bucersti, head of Health Media Group: **Parental Alienation – a form of severe psychological child abuse; implications in the decision-making of the courts on the exercise of parental authority**

Matej Zaplotnik, B.A., social pedagogy, a mental health professional who works with divorced families, director of Svetovalno izobrazevalni Center MIT (Counseling Education Center MIT): **Parents rights and responsibilities, experiences of parental alienation from Slovenia**

Ryan Thomas, lecturer and coach based on his own experiences to have been reunited with his father when he was an adult, founder of the Reconnect Academy, a 6 week online program: **Experiences of having been alienated as a child**

PANEL DAY 1: Perceptions of Parental Alienation in the Nordic Countries



DAY TWO, AUGUST 24: PARENTAL ALIENATION – WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT?

Asuncion Tejedor Huerta, Ph.D., a forensic psychologist who has studied parental alienation in Spain, Colombia, Mexico, and taught courses for the Official College of Psychologists in Spain: **What a knowledgeable expert witness can do**

Ursula Kodjoe, M.A., a family therapist, mediator, and family court expert in Germany, where she has been one of them who developed the "Cochem-model": **Consensus Model in Germany with interdisciplinary cooperation: early intervention as best prevention**

Demosthenes Lorandos, Ph.D., J.D., a psychologist and attorney in Ann Arbor, Michigan, a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, has summarized parental alienation cases from Canada and the US: **Foundation for cross examination of PA-critics**

Ashish Joshi, J.D., an attorney in Ann Arbor, a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, State Bars of NY, Michigan, District of Columbia and Gujarat, India: **Parental Alienation: An International Perspective – From "Gardner's Theory" to Child Abuse**

Olga Odinetz, Ph.D., a research scientist in health and environment, Paris, France, founder of ACALPA, Association Contre L' Alienation Parentale, an organization educating parents and mental professionals: **Training for French investigative police officers in family custody cases**

Jennifer Harman, Ph.D., an associate professor of Social and Health Psychology at Colorado State University, co-authored the book *Parents acting badly: How institutions and societies promote the alienation of children from their loving families* (Now available in Swedish, can be ordered through Amazon): **Parental alienation – What is done and what ought to be done about it?**

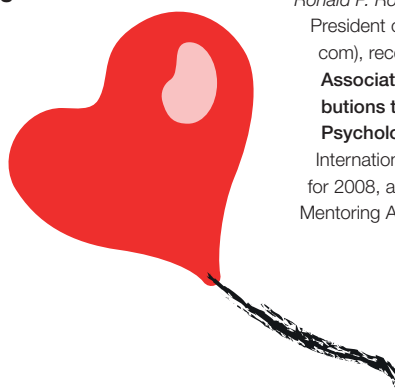
Karen and Nick Woodall, founders of the Family Separation Clinic, London, U.K., authors of *Parental Alienation: Learning to cope, helping to heal and putting children first*, Karen is the founder of the European Association of Parental Alienation Practitioners: **Reunification work, experiences from London**

Linda Gottlieb, LMFT, LCSW-R, a family therapist in Dutchess County, New York, trained under Dr. Salvador Minuchin, faculty emeritus of the Minuchin Center for the Family, has developed Turning points, a reunification program: **Taking a child down the memorial lane to reunite, a role-play**

PANEL DAY 2: Parental Alienation what to do about it in the future?

Ronald Rohner, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, University of Connecticut (see more below) **The Child's Fundamental Need of Love and Acceptance for a Healthy Development, a TED-talk** will be shown both days in the lunch breaks. View Rohner's TEDxUCONN talk "They Love Me, They Love Me Not – And Why It Matters" at www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ePXxeGrfVQ

Ronald P. Rohner, Executive Director and former President of ISIPAR (rohner.isipar@gmail.com), received the **American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology**. He also received the Outstanding International Psychologist Award from the USA for 2008, and the Henry David International Mentoring Award in 2017.



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To not allow a child to love both his/her mother and father,
Without any justification,
To limit the time for contact,
To badmouth the mother or the father,
To make good memories into bad ones,
To reform the child's thoughts,

That is to feed hate and fear,

So that the child says: I do not want to have any contact with my mother/father. To thus make a formerly loved parent to an alien the child rejects with no regrets is what is on the agenda for the conference – and what you can do about it. You can learn a lot.

