

**INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON BEST  
INTEREST OF THE CHILD AND SHARED PARENTING.  
DECEMBER 2-3, 2019. MÁLAGA, SPAIN**

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The International Scientific Conference on Shared Parenting will be held in Málaga, Spain on December 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at the *Aula Magna* of the School of Law of the University of Málaga to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The theme of the conference is: **Best Interest of the Child and Shared Parenting.**

This year our guest country is the Philippines as we understand this event as an opportunity to open this Congress to the emerging Asia zone, specially to a country that is the best possible bridge between the Western and the Asian cultures.

The conference will present research results and professional practices from an interdisciplinary perspective (law, social science and psychology) on how vital both parents are in their children's lives even after separation and divorce. The following points will be the object of analysis:

- Development of children under shared parenting after divorce or separation
- Socioeconomic profile of shared parenting
- Litigation after divorce or separation when a shared parenting measure has been imposed by a judge
- Impact of shared parenting legal or judicial presumptions on the proportion of judgements that adopt this measure
- Parental alienation and shared parenting
- Models of shared parenting
- Shared parenting in case of babies and toddlers
- Shared parenting when the relations between the parents are strained

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## **PROGRAM AND PANEL SESSIONS:**

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Venue: Aula Magna, School of Law. UMA**

#### **9:15 Registration and Reception**

**9:30 Welcome message:** Angela Hoffmeyer, Edward Kruk (ICSP), Vice-President Susana Cabrera Yeto (UMA) , Dean of Law School, Juan José Hinojosa Torralva (UMA), José Manuel Ruiz-Rico Ruiz, Director of the Department of Civil Law (UMA), Hector Danny Uy. Vice-president for Legal of the University of the Philippines (UP)\_and Ryan Jeremiah Quan, Dean's office member of the\_School of Law of the University Ateneo de Manila

#### **9:30-10:00 Inaugural Speech**

*José Mari Tirol. “The Philippines. Protecting tomorrow’s hope today: The Philippine legal perspective, from the tender age presumption to the shared parenting”.* Dean of the School of Law of the University of San Agustín. Iloilo. The Philippines.

**10:00-12:00 Academic Session: First Panel: Best interest of the child and shared parenting**

*Martin Widrig. "The use of child's best interests standard."* Associate Professor of Family Law. University of Friburg. Switzerland.

*Almudena Moreno Mínguez.* Associate Professor of Sociology. Universidad de Valladolid; *Marta Ortega Gaspar.* Lecturer in Sociology. Universidad de Málaga; and *Ana María López Narbona.* Lecturer in Sociology. Universidad de Málaga. "***Family structure, parental practices and child subjective well-being in post-divorce situations: The case of shared parenting.***"

**11:00-12:00 Presentation of papers**

**12:00-12:30 Coffee-break**

**12:30-14:30 Academic Session: Second Panel: Socioeconomic profile of shared parenting**

*Gerardo Meil Landwerlin. "Socioeconomic profile of parents with shared custody in Spain."* Professor of Sociology. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Spain.

*Raúl Ruiz Callado. "Shared custody as a social construction in changing process."* Raúl Ruiz Callado. Associate Professor of Sociology, Universidad de Alicante Universidad de Alicante. Spain

*Rafael Alcázar Ruiz. "Social factors assessments in cases of shared custody disputed."* Lecturer in Sociology. Universidad de Alicante. Spain.

**13:30-14:30 Presentation of papers**

**14:30-16:00 Lunch**

**16:00-18:00 Academic Session: Third Panel: Shared parenting as preventive of parental alienation, and sociology**

*Edward Kruk. "Shared parenting as preventative of parental alienation."* Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of British Columbia. Canada.

*Josef A. Mohr. "Parental alienation and shared parenting in litigation and consultation."* Certified Family Law Attorney. Munich, Germany

*Diego Becerril Ruiz*, Associate Professor of Sociology, Universidad de Granada and *Jose Jimenez Cabello*, Associate Professor of Sociology "**Legislation, divorce and shared parenting**". Universidad de Granada. Spain

**17:00-18:00 Presentation of papers**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Venue: Aula Magna, School of Law. UMA**

**10:00- 12:00 Academic Session: Fourth Panel: Recent evolution of shared parenting in a comparative scenario**

*Lluís Flaquer Emerito. "Shared parenting after separation and divorce in Europe."* Professor of Sociology. Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona.

*José Manuel de Torres Perea. "Evolution or recent regulations on shared parenting in Western countries."* Associate professor of Civil Law. Universidad de Málaga. Spain.

*Juergen Rudolph. "Shared parenting in the Cochem Court Practice"* German judge. Cochem. Germany.

*Ryan Jeremiah Quan, "An Asian Approach to the best interest of the child in case of matrimonial crisis"* Dean's office member of the School of Law of the University Ateneo de Manila

**11:00-12:00 Presentation of papers**

**12:00-12:30 Coffee break**

**12:30-14:30 Academic Session. Fifth Panel: Alternative Dispute Resolution on shared parenting and Joint Parenting Plan**

*Hildegund Sünderhauf. "Mediation and shared parenting"*, Family Law Professor. Evangelische Hochschule Nürnberg. Germany

*Yolanda de Lucchi López-Tapia*. Associate Professor on Procedural Law. Universidad de Málaga. Spain; and Mariela Checa Caruana. Psychologist. President of Assosiation “Filio” **“Other ADR on shared parenting”**.

*Belén Casado Casado*. **“Joint Parenting Plan and Shared Parenting”**. **“Plan de Parentalidad en relación con la guarda conjunta”**. Lecturer in Civil Law. University of Málaga

### 13:30-14:30 Presentation of papers

### 14:30-16:00 Lunch

### 16:00-18:00 Academic Session: Sixth Panel: Spanish perspective

*Kepa Ayerra Michelena*. **“Reflexiones en torno a la evolución, estado actual y concepto de la guarda conjunta.”** **“Reflections on Shared Parenting. Evolution, current state and concept”**. Attorney. Lecturer in Civil Law. Universidad de Deusto. Bilbao. Spain.

*María Luisa Moreno-Torres*. **“Maintenance guidelines in case of shared parenting.”** **“Derecho de alimentos en el supuesto de guarda conjunta”**. Professor of Civil Law. University of Málaga.

José María del Río Belmonte, **“Social workers in the context of the shared parenting”** **Trabajadores sociales en el ámbito de la custodia compartida**. Director of the legal Departament of the Diputación Provincial de Málaga

José Pascual Ortuño Muñoz. **“Judicial Problems on shared parenting”**. **“Problemas judiciales custodia judicial”** Magistrado de la Audiencia Provincial de Barcelona. Juge at the Provincial Court of Barcelona

### 17:00-18:00 Presentation of papers

### 18:00 Closing Session

Roberto García Alfonso. **“Shared Parenting in daily praxis”** Director de la sección de familia del Colegio de Abogados de Málaga. Director of the Family Department of the Malaga Bar Association.

Venue: Aula Magna

**The conference is structured along six sessions.** Most of them are Interdisciplinary sessions where different matters will be analysed: Models of shared parenting (SP) and their incidence in the best interest of the child, SP in case of babies and toddlers, SP when the relations between the parents are strained, litigation rate after an SP decision, relation between the economic measures and SP in the settlement agreements or judicial decisions, socioeconomic profile of shared parenting or alternative dispute resolution on shared parenting. There will also be a legal session where the evolution or recent regulations in Western countries will be evaluated. Also for discussion is the advisability of having presumptions in favour of sole or shared parenting.

International specialists in the field of shared parenting – representing both the academic sciences, and the legal and family professions – are invited to present their recent research results and professional practices at this interdisciplinary conference.

In parallel, the ICSP Conference Málaga 2019 call for papers kindled the interest of many scientists, professionals and members of civil society from around the world. The language of the Conference will be English.

**Malaga is located beside the Mediterranean Sea in Andalucía, Spain.** It has its own airport and is for this reason easily accessible by plane (for intercontinental flights via Madrid or Barcelona, the airport is 10-15 minutes from the city centre by train), train or bus. The Campus of the University of Malaga can be reached within another 10-15 minutes from the city centre by metro or bus or within less than 20 minutes by taxi from the airport (at reasonable prices).

**The Faculty building** offers all that is needed – especially an unexpectedly well-equipped and pretty conference hall (ideal for the plenary sessions), rooms for the workshops, as well as a helpful and friendly staff. Cooking facilities and the faculty cafeteria are adjacent, so catering can easily be organized. Prices for hotels and additional programs (like the conference dinner) are low, compared to other European cities.

**Last but not least, Malaga is a beautiful city.** The home of 500,000 inhabitants has a lot to offer, as much from a cultural as from a culinary perspective. Furthermore, it is just a stone's throw away from world class tourist attractions, such as the Alhambra in Granada (the world's most visited tourist attraction), the Mezquita in Cordoba or the famous bridge of Ronda, just to mention a few. It would not be a surprise if some of the conference participants added a few days to their stay in Malaga to visit at least some of these sights.

*Deadline for sending abstracts: 1st October 2019*

*Please send the abstract of your proposed papers to this email:*



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