Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Attachment Related Pathology Surrounding Divorce:

**Solutions for the Family Court System**

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Resolving attachment-related pathology surrounding divorce, commonly called “parental alienation,” presents one of the most challenging diagnostic and treatment issues surrounding child custody and shared co-parenting. Current approaches to assessing, diagnosing, and treating attachment-related pathology following divorce are variable, highly idiosyncratic, and are not guided by any professional standards of practice for assessment, diagnosis, and treatment.

An attachment-based reformulation of the pathology of “parental alienation,” grounded in the established professional constructs of attachment theory, personality disorder pathology, and family systems therapy, provides a structured and standardized approach to the assessment, diagnosis, and resolution of attachment-related family pathology surrounding divorce, allowing the family to transition into a healthy separated family structure of shared co-parenting.

This seminar will provide an overview of the solution to the family pathology of “parental alienation” which is provided by an attachment-based reformulation and definition of “parental alienation.” The seminar will describe the psychological foundations of the pathology, leading to a structured and standardized protocol for its assessment and diagnosis. From an attachment-based formulation for the pathology, a ground standard of practice can be established for the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of attachment-related pathology surrounding divorce. This structured and standardized assessment and diagnostic protocol provides the Court with professionally grounded information to assist in decision-making surrounding the treatment-related custody and visitation needs of the family.

This seminar will describe the framework for establishing a structured professional standard of practice in the assessment, diagnosis, and resolution of attachment-related pathology surrounding divorce (“parental alienation”), including the framework for a six-session assessment protocol and a Contingent Visitation Schedule remedy for restoring balanced family relationships of affectionate bonding with both parents.

**Where:** Venice, Italy Park Hotel Ai Pini

**Time:** 9:00 – 4:00

**Cost:** 400 Euro

Student Price 150 Euro

Early Registration Discount: 50 euro for registration before 30/5/2018

PASG Members Discount: 75 Euro

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