



## **IAFL Introduction to European Family Law Conference**

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#### **Session 3: The connection between international family law and immigration law**

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Languages Spoken: English, French, German and Chinese