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Increasing globalisation and transnational family life result in a corresponding increase in transnational family conflict and child maltreatment cases. As a consequence, national authorities and services are faced with situations where the child moves between and belongs to several countries and where *the cases* stretch out across different legal, cultural and other borders. Moreover, considerable concern has been raised about the situation of children belonging to “us” who experience abuse in other nation states, or children belonging to other countries whilst residing with “us”. In other words, the question of where or to whom these children belong – or who are responsible for defining and upholding their rights - is not clear-cut. Examples may include immigrant parents who send their children on temporary stays in their countries of origin, international foster care arrangements, child abduction in parental conflicts, children of missionaries and other expat communities, “child protection refugees”, diplomatic conflicts in connection with child protection cases, children of asylum seekers, irregular immigrants, as well as national minorities. The proposed workshop aims at bringing together empirical evidence from different cases and contexts with a view to discuss a common empirical and theoretical concern: How does the nation/welfare state tackle child protection across borders, and how should we make sense of such transnational welfare practices? We would encourage papers from different disciplines, including legal studies.