



“mediation moves ...”

International Mediation Conference 2018

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in collaboration with the Master’s Program on Mediation, University of Copenhagen & Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA) at Singapore Management University

- CONCEPT-

The overall purpose of the 2018 international *“mediation moves ...”* conference at European University Frankfurt (Oder)/Germany is to convey the experience that mediation is alive, developing – and promises potential for life long learning.

In this spirit, the title *“mediation moves ...”* holds meaning on various levels: Mediation is not only “alive and kicking”, it also keeps unfolding into new areas of conflict and fields of practice. Mediation as a professional service moves conflict resolution, negotiation and other decision-making processes forward. At the same time, the positive conception of human beings that underlies the basic principles, communication models and aspired attitude in mediation touches and moves people to the core.

The *“mediation moves ...”* conference program will introduce a broad spectrum of topics that currently move the mediation community around the world – including

- reflections on the effects of the growing regulation of mediation,
- a critical discussion of the possibilities and demands that stem from digitalization and platform economy regarding Online Dispute Resolution (ODR),
- deliberations on the specific needs of the New Work movement regarding dispute resolution systems, and
- the impact of inward journeys and personal development initiated by mediation training.

The conference day has been designed to provide room for open, productive exchange both on relevant theoretical and practical questions and on aspects of personal values and motivation. The program will facilitate a continuous reflective focus on the questions *“What is really important to me? Why do I care? What do I want to develop further?”* in the area of mediation/ADR. The participants will be encouraged to actively and authentically pursue these questions, share their thoughts and experiences – and generate new ideas. Accordingly, the format of the event will contain a number of elements that allow for surprises, chance encounters, unexpected inspiration and spontaneous creativity.

The conference concept therefore promises a rich day filled with information, inspiration and international networking opportunities.

In preparation of the event, a website ([www. mediation-moves.eu](http://www.mediation-moves.eu)) will go online in April 2018. This website will not only provide information on the conference but also offer insights into the contributing experts' perspectives and work. After the conference day, the website will make the event documentation available to the general public – and will serve as an anchor point for information on future activities.

- PROGRAM OVERVIEW -

10.00	Opening - Welcoming addresses - Goals and approach of the conference - Program Overview
10.30	Plenary Session 1: “The effects of mediation regulation on conflict culture – an international comparison”
11.00	Plenary Session 2: “The (brave) new world of ODR – transformation of ADR by digitalisation?”
11.30	- COFFEE BREAK -
12.00	Plenary Session 3: “Changing within or/and changing the world: How mediation training impacts perspectives and attitudes – and how this might be(come) political”
12.30	Exchange on plenary sessions in small groups
12.55	Short Introduction to poster exhibition and concept of afternoon
13.00	- LUNCH -
14.00	Surprise Walk
14.45	Parallel Workshops (the workshops will deepen the exchange on the topics indicated by the plenary talks) - COFFEE BREAKS included -
17.15	Plenary Session 4: “Reinventing organisational (conflict) culture – New Work, Laloux and dispute management systems”
17.45	Discussion in small groups
18.15	Plenary conclusion
18.30	END
19:00	After Conference Dinner (optional)

The following experts will collaboratively contribute to this conference:

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