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EMERGING DIMENSIONS OF MEDIATION LAW

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CONCEPT NOTE:

In recent years, many countries have witnessed a paradigm shift in their approach to dispute resolution. As legal systems across jurisdictions struggle with overwhelming case backlogs and rising litigation costs, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms have gained significant momentum. Among these, mediation has emerged as a promising solution offering a more collaborative, cost-effective and expedient way to resolve conflicts.

Mediation is a non-binding process in which an impartial third party assists disputing parties in reaching an amicable settlement. Legislative developments such as India's Mediation Act, 2023, represent watershed moments in the global legal landscape. These frameworks not only formalize mediation practices but also establish comprehensive systems for their implementation across various sectors. By providing statutory recognition, such laws aim to ease the burden on courts, encourage peaceful settlements and promote a culture of dialogue-based conflict resolution.

This book seeks to demystify recent legislative frameworks such as India's Mediation Act, 2023 and explore their broader implications for legal systems and societies around the world. We will trace the historical evolution of mediation, examining how traditional methods have been adapted into contemporary legal systems. Through an analysis of legislative provisions, this book aims to offer readers a nuanced understanding of mediation's scope, procedures and long-term impact.

We will address pressing questions such as:

1. How do modern mediation laws differ from earlier practices in various jurisdictions?
2. What are the potential benefits and challenges in implementing such legislation?
3. How do national frameworks compare with international standards and best practices?
4. What role do mediators play under these laws, and how are their qualifications regulated?
5. How do these frameworks affect different sectors—commercial, family, labor, and community disputes?
6. What mechanisms exist for enforcing mediated settlements across borders?
7. How might such legislation shape the future of dispute resolution globally?

Through a combination of legal analysis, case studies, and expert commentary, this book aspires to serve as a comprehensive guide for legal professionals, mediators, scholars and policymakers interested in the transformative potential of mediation. It will explore both opportunities and challenges while offering practical insights into the implementation of mediation laws across diverse jurisdictions.

As the world embraces this evolving form of dispute resolution, understanding the nuances of mediation legislation becomes vital for all stakeholders. This book is intended to be a key resource on that journey, fostering deeper insight into mediation's role in building a more harmonious and efficient justice system worldwide.

Beyond legal implications, this volume will also delve into the socio-cultural dimensions of mediation. As globalization intensifies, the need for conflict resolution mechanisms that are both effective and culturally responsive becomes more critical. Legislative frameworks such as India's Mediation Act address not only institutional needs but also resonate with longstanding traditions of community-based conflict resolution. This book will explore how such frameworks bridge the divide between formal legal systems and customary practices fostering hybrid approaches that honor both innovation and heritage.

By encouraging dialogue and mutual understanding, mediation can strengthen social cohesion, reduce adversarial tensions and promote peace. Through this exploration, the book aims to present a holistic picture of mediation's evolving role in shaping the legal, social and cultural contours of modern societies.

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Dr. Manoj Kumar is an Assistant Professor of Law, Senior Scale at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. He Completed his LL.B. from Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in the year 2005 and his LL.M. from Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in the year 2008. He also completed his Ph.d. from Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in the year 2016. His research title for Ph.d. is "Role of Regulators: Constitutional and Legal Framework." He has served as Assistant Professor in Faculty of Law, University of Delhi for around four years. He has taught various subjects like Law of Contract, Law of Partnership, Company Law, Commercial Transactions, Law of Torts, Law of Evidence,

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PROF. (DR.) PRITI SAXENA

Prof. Priti Saxena, born in 1965 in Bareilly, U.P., is a distinguished legal scholar holding an LL.M. (Gold Medalist), NET, and Ph.D. in Law. Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena holds the esteemed position of Vice Chancellor at Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla. With over thirty-three years of distinguished experience, she has made significant contributions as an author, researcher, educator, and administrator. Her academic journey reflects a profound dedication to legal scholarship and leadership. Before joining as Vice Chancellor HPNLU Shimla She serves as the Director of the Center of Post Graduate Legal Studies, and she is the former Head of the Department of Human Rights and Dean of the School for Legal Studies at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow. Prof. Saxena has received numerous accolades, including a University Gold Medal in LL.M. and various scholarships during her academic career. In 2002, she was awarded the 'Prashasti Patra' from 'Nehru Yuva Kendra' under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India. Prof. Saxena is the only law professor selected for the Academic Leadership Program in Higher Education (LeAP), which included a visit to Virginia University in the USA under a fellowship from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, in 2019. In 2024, she completed the Nurturing Future Leadership Program (NFLP) from IIM Rohtak. Her expertise includes Constitutional Law, Constitutional Governance, Torts, and Human Rights. She has authored two books, "Preventive Detention and Human Rights" (2007) and a co-authored book, "Right to Information" (2013), and has edited four books. Prof. Saxena has published over 85 research papers and articles in national and international law journals, including the LDR, Journal of Indian Law Institute, Elixir International Journal, and the Journal of IIPA. She has organized numerous international conferences, webinars, national seminars, and symposiums on contemporary legal issues. She has also led national moot courts, faculty development

programs, and workshops on research methodology. Under her supervision, 18 students have been awarded Doctor of Philosophy degrees, and approximately 170 LL.M. dissertations have been completed. <https://hpnlu.ac.in/> Prof. Saxena has participated in and presented papers at over 200 international, bi-national, and national conferences, seminars, and webinars. She has been a key speaker and resource person at prestigious institutions such as Buffalo University (New York, USA), Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia), National University of Singapore, University of Colombo, and University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. She has delivered over 350 keynote, inaugural, and valedictory addresses as a Guest of Eminence, Guest of Honour, Chief Guest, and Visiting Fellow at various universities and institutions, including the National Human Rights Commission, State Human Rights Commission, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal and the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. Prof. Saxena is a life member of the Indian Law Institute, Indian Institute of Public Administration, and Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health. She holds key positions in various academic, administrative, and advisory bodies, including government bodies, state commissions, UPSC, UGC, NAAC, BCI, and universities. She served as a member of the Learning Outcomes Curriculum Framework Committee (LOCF) established by the UGC, where she played a pivotal role in designing courses in the postgraduate Human Rights program across India. She has established a Centre for a one-year LL.M. program. She has contributed to policy papers on the rights of disabled persons and serves as a legal expert on panels under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Prof. Saxena is deeply involved in social responsibility, community outreach, and co-curricular activities. She has served as the President of the Staff Club at BBA University and has actively participated in state-level sports. Her extension activities include adult education programs, debates, and cultural initiatives aimed at promoting social justice. Prof. Saxena is dedicated to making a difference in people's lives by providing legal aid and guidance through various media platforms. Her YouTube channel is popular among students for its educational content on legal issues. She is highly motivated, sincere, honest, and hardworking, making her well-suited for both academic and administrative roles.

PROF. (DR.) JEEVA NIRIELLA

Deshabandu Professor Jeeva Niriella started her career as an academic at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo in 1993. Since then she held several administrative positions at University level including the Head of the Department, Deputy Director/Examination-

Virtual Campus, University of Colombo, member of the Board of Management of Post Graduate Institute of English, Open University Sri Lanka and Nominee for the Selection Committee of the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.

She also held important national positions in the country. She was a member of the first Board of Management of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses from 2016 to 2018 and was also an appointed Government Director (the first female director) of Colombo Stock Exchange Sri Lanka from 2012 to 2019. As a Board member of the CSE she functioned as the chairperson of the Disciplinary and Arbitration Sub Committee, Dispute Resolution Sub Committee and Regulatory Affairs Sub Committee of the Colombo Stock Exchange Sri Lanka. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the Prison Welfare Association, Sri Lanka from 2003 to 2010. She was a member of the National Research Council, National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka from 2006 to 2011. She serves as a member of the Editorial and Review Boards of many international journals including the prestigious International Annals of Criminology published by Cambridge University.

In the last 15 years as an Academic in the fields of Law and criminal justice she published books with reputed publishers such as Lexis Nexis India, book chapters, research articles published with internationally reputed publishers such as Springer, Rutledge -Taylor and Francis, Emerald, David Co., Med-Crave and a few with local publishers. She has presented almost 50 research papers at international and national conferences hosted by the International/local Research Organizations, Universities and other Academic Institutions. In the last 10 years she participated as a Keynote Speaker at several International Conferences, chaired sessions in many international Conferences, in addition to invited speaker, chair at national level conferences.

Professor Jeeva Niriella is a well respected academic in the fields of law, human rights, criminal justice, criminology and victimology which allowed her to undertake positions in international associations and societies. She is a member of the Executive Committee and the Constitutional Council of World Centre for Women's Studies (World CWS); the Presidium of General Assembly of Asian Criminological Society (as the first Sri Lankan who have been appointed to the board) for the period from 2019 to 2021; (the first Sri Lanka) Vice President, South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology (Headquarters India) since April 2019; and (first female from South Asia and first Sri Lankan) member of the Board of Directors of International Society of Criminology (ISC) from 2019-2024.

Professor Jeeva Niriella's academic service further includes her pioneering several important

academic initiatives as well. She introduced Criminal Justice as a subject at the post graduate level in the University of Colombo in 2008 and the Open University in 2009 for the first time in the academic history of the university system in Sri Lanka. She also introduced the Certificate Course in Fundamentals of Criminal Law for non –lawyers in 2019 (the first programme) and Diploma Course in Public Law for the non Lawyers in 2020 again for the first time in the, Faculty of Law, Colombo University.

She received The Title ‘Desabandu’ National Honour/Award conferred by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at the Ceremony of National Honours 2019 which is an award conferred to recognize distinguished service of National Meritorious Nature to the Nation.

She received other research awards as well such as the Best Presentation Award for the paper titled ‘Sri Lankan Contribution to Peace and Security in the World: Legal Perspective’ at the 19th International Conference on Criminology, Law and Society held on 19th and 20th October 2017 in London UK (ICCLS 2017), Aryabhata International Award of 2014, organized by Aryabhata Cultural Organization, Bangalore, India 2015 and Professional and Career Women Award 2011/2012 (Legal Category), organized by Women in Management, Sri Lanka 2012.

SUGGESTED THEMES:

The core theme of the book is “Emerging Dimensions of Mediation Law.”

- Historical Evolution of Mediation Across Legal Traditions
- Development of Modern Mediation Practices and Frameworks Globally
- Comparative Perspectives on the Legal Recognition of Mediation at International Level
- Community-Based and Customary Mediation Practices in Different Cultures and Countries
- National and Regional Legal Frameworks on Mediation in India
- Case Study: India’s Mediation Act, 2023 – Features, Challenges, and Global Relevance
- Role of Courts in Promoting Mediation (e.g., Court-Annexed Mediation Systems)
- Institutional Mediation: Trends Across Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas
- Role of Mediation Centers and Global Institutions (e.g., MCIA, ICC, WIPO, ICADR)
- Procedural Frameworks and Enforcement of Mediated Settlement Agreements at World Legal Systems
- Standards, Accreditation, and Certification of Mediators Worldwide
- Mediation in Commercial and Business Disputes
- Family and Matrimonial Mediation Across Jurisdictions
- Employment, Labor, and Consumer Disputes: A Mediation Perspective

- Mediation in Environmental and Public Interest Disputes
- Mediation in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Cases
- Community, Grassroots, and Local Governance Mediation
- Integration of Technology in Mediation: Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)
- Confidentiality, Neutrality, and Ethics in Global Mediation Practice
- Training, Accreditation, and Role of Educational Institutions
- Developing Mediation as a Professional Discipline
- Cross-Border and International Commercial Mediation
- The Singapore Convention on Mediation and Its Global Impact
- Enforceability of International Mediated Settlements
- Comparative Study of Mediation Laws Across Jurisdictions
- Regional Cooperation and Harmonisation in Mediation Practice
- Barriers to Growth of Mediation in Emerging Economies
- Bridging Formal and Informal Justice Mechanisms
- Balancing Tradition and Innovation in Dispute Resolution
- Promoting Access to Justice Through Mediation
- Cultural Shifts Toward Collaborative Conflict Resolution
- Future Trends and Policy Recommendations
- Intercultural competencies and ethics in global mediation
- Digital and online mediation trends in international contexts
- Case studies from the EU, United States, ASEAN and Africa
- Global best practices in mediation training and accreditation
- Cross-border mediation and enforcement of settlement agreements
- Role of international treaties in mediation (e.g., Singapore Convention)
- Comparative legal frameworks for mediation across jurisdictions

Note: This list remains illustrative and not exhaustive. Contributors are encouraged to submit papers related to any aspect of mediation law covering international issues that aligns with the core theme of the book.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

1. Academicians, Judges and professionals are invited to submit an abstract of 300-350 words clearly explaining the topic and objectives of the proposed research paper on or before 20th June, 2025 to email:- "mediationlaw.2024@gmail.com".

2. Receipt of submission will be intimated to the authors within two weeks of submission.
3. Submissions must be made in .doc/ .docx formats only.
4. Authors will be notified by **31st June, 2025** about the status of their abstract.
5. Full papers are expected to be submitted by on or before **20th October, 2025**.
6. All manuscripts will be accepted based on a double-blind peer review editorial process.
7. There shall be a rigorous review process comprising of 2 stages. The editorial board will ensure a greater standard of review and identification of quality academic writing. The authors shall be intimated about the status of their manuscript at every stage.
8. The decision of the Editors shall be final and binding regarding the manuscript. They reserve the sole right to the publication of the selected articles in addition to; inter alia, any edits/amends/reproduction.

PUBLISHER:

This edited volume is under consideration for publication by **Springer Nature** and will be assigned an ISBN soon.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

There are **no submission or acceptance fees** for manuscripts. This publication is anticipated to be released on **20th December, 2025**.

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 20, 2025: Abstract Submission Deadline

June 31, 2025: Notification of Acceptance of Abstract

October 20, 2025: Full Paper Submission

November 05, 2025: Review Results Returned

November 15, 2025: Final Chapter Submission

November 30, 2025: Final Acceptance

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