

## ADC INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

# Mediating the Space Between: Negotiating legitimacy for cross-cultural mediations in Australia

One of the most significant challenges faced by Australian mediators is the delivery of mediation in a way that respects the rich complexities and culture of Indigenous Australians who seek 'contemporary' mediation as a means to assist them in negotiating agreements and resolution of conflict. While Indigenous Australians have a long history of traditional conflict resolution, few non-Indigenous mediators embrace this knowledge in a mutually respectful way.

This interactive presentation aims to challenge the normative definition of cross-cultural mediation. Recognising Jurisdictional Convergence, we as practitioners are challenged to recognise the complexities of the conflict context and empower the different systems of decision-making.

This is the work of negotiating legitimacy.

Throughout this session we will explore the following:

- Cross-cultural Conflict Context
- Indicators of Legitimacy
- Jurisdictional Convergence

The presentation aims to encourage and challenge you to consider what it means to facilitate cross-cultural decision making within the conflict landscape.

**Introduction by Deborah Lockhart, CEO of the Australian Disputes Centre.**

**Venue:** Darwin CBD [TBA]

**Date:** 19 August 2015

**Time:** 5.30 pm – 7.15 pm

**Price:** Standard: \$40 (incl GST)  
ADC Alumni: \$35 (incl GST)

Eligibility for CPD/CLE: 1.5 points

Please join us afterwards for networking wine and cheese



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PRESENTER:

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Sarah Blake is an Internationally renowned Mediator (National Australian Standards), Internationally (IMI) and holds authority as a Peace Maker from the Dhurili Clan Alliance, Arnhemland Northern Territory. She has completed a Master of Strategic Affairs, ANU and a Masters of Indigenous Knowledge (Mawul Rom), CDU and continues a strong commitment to professional development.

Sarah has been working in the field of conflict management, mediation, and decision making for more than seventeen years. Sarah specializes in delivering outcomes within complex multiparty contexts where strategic decision-making is required. Sarah has also been involved in design and delivery of specialized cross-cultural training for over 10 years, and continues to deliver mediation training across Australia and Internationally. While broadly experienced as a community and commercial mediator, Sarah specializes in delivering legitimate cross-cultural decision-making services that bridge cultural divides and empower sustainable solutions.

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