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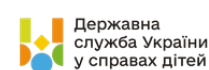
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DAY 1 08.06

09:50 - 10:00
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PARTICIPANTS JOINING

10:00 - 10:30
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

OPENING OF THE FORUM

Official opening of the 10th International Forum “Mediation & Law”. The focus is on the role of mediation and other ADR mechanisms in the modern world, Ukraine’s European integration processes, international cooperation, and best European practices in the field of access to justice.

Welcoming remarks

Muriel Décot, Head of Division, Executive Secretary of the European Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ)

Tomas Stravinskis, Sector Manager at the EU Delegation to Ukraine

Luiza Romanadze, President of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, Project Manager of the EU “CONSENT” project, mediator, lawyer, Chair of the Mediation Committee of the National Association of Advocates of Ukraine.

SPEAKERS



MURIEL DÉCOT

Muriel Décot is Head of Division at the Council of Europe, based in Strasbourg (France). Additionally, she is currently Executive Secretary of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), an intergovernmental body made up of representatives of the 46 member states and numerous observers, both states and justice professionals. For over 20 years, the CEPEJ has been working to promote the efficiency and quality of justice in Europe, by developing innovative tools and working methods for use by presidents of courts, heads of public prosecution offices and public decision-makers in the field of justice. With Muriel Décot having participated in its establishment, the CEPEJ has become a key partner for judicial systems in Europe and beyond. This is thanks to its practical, tailored work in a diversity of areas, including procedural timeframes, evaluation of court efficiency, cyberjustice and mediation.



TOMAS STRAVINSKIS

Sector Manager at the EU Delegation to Ukraine



LUIZA ROMANADZE

Mediator, lawyer, trainer, PhD, associate professor, and Honoured Lawyer of Ukraine. President of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation and Team Leader of the EU Project "CONSENT". Chair of the Mediation Committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

Co-founder and Honorary Member of the National Association of Mediators of Ukraine. Founder and Head of the Negotiation and Mediation Club at the University of Southampton (United Kingdom).

Co-author of the Law of Ukraine "On Mediation", the Code of Professional Ethics for Mediators, the Basic Principles of Training in Core Mediation Skills, and the Basic Principles of Training in Family Mediation Skills. Member of parliamentary and governmental working groups.

10:30 - 12:15

Kyiv, GMT+3)

DEVELOPMENT OF MEDIATION AND ADR IN UKRAINE: THE STATE'S VISION

The panel will serve as a reflection on where Ukraine currently stands in the development of mediation and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. Participants will discuss the key achievements of the past year, the challenges brought by wartime realities, the European integration context, and the next steps for further system development. Representatives of various public authorities will take part in the discussion.

MODERATOR:

Luiza Romanadze, Team Leader of the EU Project "CONSENT", President of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation.

SPEAKERS:

Roman Babiy, Chair of the Subcommittee on the Enforcement of European Court of Human Rights Judgments and Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy.

Oleksandr Mamaluy, Deputy Head of the Supreme Court.

Viktor Dubovyk, Director General of the Legal Policy Directorate in the Office of the President of Ukraine.

Olga Kildyushkina, Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration.

Oleksandr Oliynyk, Director of the Directorate for Justice and Criminal Justice of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

Lesya Karnaukh, Acting Head of the State Tax Service of Ukraine.

Dmytro Kukhnyuk, Head of the National Mediation and Reconciliation Service.

Vira Protsiv, Deputy Head of the Department for the Organisation of Educational Security Services of the National Police of Ukraine.

Nina Maya Schrepfer, Deputy Representative of UNHCR in Ukraine.

Tuija Brax, Director of the Rule of Law Centre, Helsinki, Finland.



The session will be of interest to mediators, lawyers, judges, representatives of public authorities, international partners, academics, and researchers.

SPEAKERS



ROMAN BABIY

Roman Babiy, a 47-year-old citizen of Ukraine. He was born and lives in the Kyiv region, Ukraine.

In the year 2000, he graduated from the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv with a degree in law. He worked as a lawyer in private law firms and was a head of the legal departments of JSC Kyivvodokanal and the State Committee of Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship. He had been a practicing attorney starting from 2002. Since 2019 until today, he has been a Member of Parliament of Ukraine, a member of the Committee on Legal Policy, a Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Execution of Judgements of the European Court of Human Rights and Alternative Dispute Resolutions.



OLEKSANDR MAMALUY

Deputy Head of the Supreme Court.



VIKTOR DUBOVYK

Lawyer, attorney, prior to 2024 served as the Head of the Anti-Raiding Office of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

Director General of the Legal Policy Directorate in the Office of the President of Ukraine.



OLHA KILDIUSHKINA

Olha Kildiushkina is a rule of law expert, mediator, and Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine. She has over 15 years of experience in judicial reform, anti-corruption, access to justice, and European integration. Her expertise covers justice sector reform, institutional capacity building, EU accession Chapters 23 and 24, as well as the development of a culture of dialogue, trust in justice, and peaceful dispute resolution, including through mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

SPEAKERS



OLEKSANDR OLIYNYK

Director of the Directorate for Justice and Criminal Justice of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.



LESIA KARNAUKH

Acting Head of the State Tax Service of Ukraine.



DMYTRO KUKHNYUK

Head of the National Mediation and Reconciliation Service.



VIRA PROTSIV

Vira Ivanivna Protsiva — Deputy Head of the Department and Head of the Service Organization Division within the Department of Educational Security of the National Police of Ukraine, Police Major.

In my work, I focus primarily on developing and coordinating the Educational Security Service—one of the largest security initiatives in Ukraine's education sector. Today, nearly 2,000 Educational Safety Service inspectors work daily in educational institutions across the country, ensuring a safe educational environment, building trust between children and the police, and conducting preventive and educational work.

SPEAKERS



NINA SCHREPFER

Nina Maja Schrepfer is the Deputy Representative (Protection) for UNHCR in Ukraine, where she leads efforts to strengthen protection responses for refugees, internally displaced persons, and conflict-affected communities. With extensive experience in humanitarian action and international protection, she has held senior UNHCR positions in several complex emergency and displacement contexts. Her work focuses on safeguarding rights, promoting durable solutions, and supporting vulnerable populations through coordinated protection strategies. At the Forum on Mediation, she will share insights on protection challenges and the role of mediation in addressing the needs of people affected by conflict and displacement.



TUIJA BRAX

Director of the Rule of Law Centre, Helsinki, Finland.

14:00 - 15:30
Kyiv, GMT+3)

COURT AND MEDIATION: EFFECTIVE MODELS OF INTERACTION

How can courts and mediation interact effectively? During the panel, we will discuss modern models of cooperation, referral mechanisms, court-connected mediation, as well as best European practices and recommendations of the Council of Europe and CEPEJ in this field. Special attention will be given to making access to amicable dispute resolution more practical and effective for people.

MODERATOR:

Maksym Khodakivskyi, Judge of the Soborny District Court of the city of Dnipro, Doctor of Philosophy in Law

SPEAKERS:

Mari Vanhanen, Judge of the District Court of Helsinki, Mediator.

Cynthia Jurrius, Director of the Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO), USA.

Dr. Nick White, Program Manager, Research and Evaluation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office, Administrative Office of the Courts, Maryland Judiciary, State of Maryland, USA.

Danielle Shalov, ADR Administrator for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Nataliia Korol, Chief of Staff of the Vinnytsia Court of Appeal, Chair and Co-founder of the NGO “VAPS”, Attorney, Mediator, PhD. (змінила місцями з Петровим).

Volodymyr Petrov, Head of the Commercial Court of Odesa Region.

Agata Gawłowska-Sobusiak, President of the District Court in Brzesko, Poland.



The session will be of interest to judges, lawyers, mediators, court staff, and everyone working in the field of justice.

SPEAKERS



MAKSYM KHODAKIVSKYI

Judge of the Sobornyi District Court of the city of Dnipro. Lecturer and developer of training programs for judges at the National School of Judges of Ukraine. Doctor of Philosophy in Law, area of interest in scientific research - civil law, European Union law, justice, ADR and mediation. Received an LLM degree in Law (Mediation) from Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania). In 2025 was selected as a fellow of the JAMS Weinstein Fellowship Program (USA) with a project to study the system of functioning of mediation and alternative methods of conflict resolution in courts, interaction between courts and mediators. Currently a member of the Interdepartmental Coordination Council on the Development of Alternative Methods of Conflict Resolution (Disputes).



MARI VANHANEN

Mari Vanhanen is a judge and mediator in the District Court of Helsinki. She serves as secretary to the Finnish national network of Court Mediators.

Mari has participated in training Court mediators in Finland and has lectured on mediation at the University of Helsinki. She studied mediation and alternative dispute resolution in the Ohio State University and externed at the Dispute Resolution Section of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Before taking office as a judge, Mari was a practicing attorney-at-law in the dispute resolution team of a major Nordic law firm, representing clients before Courts and Arbitral Tribunals. Mari recently served as Senior Ministerial Adviser in the Government EU Affairs Department, representing the Finnish State in proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union.



CYNTHIA JURRIUS

Cynthia Jurrius is the Director of the Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO). MACRO's mission is to collaborate with stakeholders statewide to promote the availability, use and quality of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) throughout Maryland. MACRO works to develop, evaluate, and consistently improve high quality and innovative dispute resolution programs, to expand awareness of the benefits and uses of ADR, and to increase the use of ADR to respond to changing community needs. Ms. Jurrius is an experienced ADR practitioner, attorney, and trainer, with a diverse background in the law and mediation field. She works to promote fair, efficient, and effective justice for all by expanding the availability of high quality dispute resolution in Maryland and beyond.

SPEAKERS



DR. NICK WHITE

Nick White, Ph.D., is the Research & Evaluation Director for Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO). He is on the Judiciary's leadership team for Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and is supporting courts as they develop their remote ADR capacity.

Nick is both a practitioner and scholar of ADR. Trained in mediation in 1996, Nick has mediated and facilitated a broad range of issues, including real estate, multi-party, U.S. Postal Service, domestic and international public policy and natural resource, parent-child, community, inter-governmental, and court-referred cases.

Nick's doctorate is from the University of Michigan, and he has held appointments with Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland, and as a Senior Research Fellow with Salisbury University.



DANIELLE SHALOV

Danielle B. Shalov, Esq. is the ADR Administer for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Prior to joining the Eastern District, she was the Administrator of the Mandatory Mediation Program at the Appellate Division, Second Department in New York State Supreme Court.

Before joining the Appellate Division, Ms. Shalov had a mediation practice in Westchester, New York and served as an adjunct professor at New York Law School ("NYLS") and The Elisabeth Haub School of Law ("Haub Law"). She served as the Director of the Mediation Clinic at NYLS and created and ran the Amelia A. Gould Representation in Mediation Clinic at Haub Law.



LILIIA HRABOVAN

Judge and Court Spokesperson of the Commercial Court of Odesa Region.



NATALIA KOROL

Chief of Staff at the Vinnytsia Court of Appeal since 2012. Chair and co-founder of the non-governmental organisation 'All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees'. Successful graduate of the USAID 'Fair Justice' project's certified course, University of Michigan, certified trainer in the implementation of services for vulnerable groups of court users under the 'Model Courts Initiative' programme of the EU 'Pravo-Justice' project, member of the NGO 'Institute of Court Management' and the NGO Association of Women Lawyers of Ukraine 'YurFem'. Lawyer, mediator, PhD in Public Management and Administration.

SPEAKERS



AGATA GAWŁOWSKA-SOBUSIAK

President of the District Court in Brzesko, Poland

16:30 - 18:00
Kyiv, GMT+3)

AN UNEXPECTED PARTNERSHIP: MEDIATION IN LITERATURE

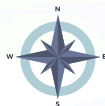
Can works of fiction help foster conversations about dialogue, understanding, and conflict? During this panel, we will explore the role of literature and authors in promoting the values of communication, empathy, and peaceful dispute resolution. Together with Tetiana Stus, writer, literary scholar, child psychologist, Head of the Children's Reading Laboratory at the National Center "Junior Academy of Sciences of Ukraine", and founder of BaraBooka, a project supporting children's reading, we will discuss how stories, characters, and literary images can shape the culture of interaction in society.

MODERATOR:

Iryna Rudyka, Learning and Human Capital Development Specialist, Educational Program Designer, Writer, and Cultural Practitioner.

SPEAKERS:

Tania Stus, Author, Psychologist, and Founder of the BaraBooka Children's Reading Promotion Project. Community Activist Advocating for School Literary Education Reform.



The session will be of interest to educators, authors, psychologists, mediators, students, parents, and everyone working to create social change through culture and education.

SPEAKERS



IRYNA RUDYKA

Ambassador of the “Life Long Learning” project in Ukraine, mentor, and author of professional articles. Author of more than 50 educational courses, including courses for newly appointed civil servants, Modern Ukrainian Language (2020), career guidance programs and professional orientation courses (2021), Lessons for Life (2022, 2023), Educational Loss Recovery (2023), a course on preventing and combating gender-based violence (2024), The Polish Labour Market for Ukrainian Teenagers (2025), and The German Labour Market for Ukrainian Teenagers (2026).

Co-author of the book Family Code: The Psychology of Mother-in-Law and Daughter-in-Law Relationships.

Founder and organizer of the “Literaturni Zabavy” project and the “Poverkhy” Festival of New Meanings.



TANIA STUS

Author of children's books, literary critic, and child psychologist. Head of the Children's Reading Laboratory at the National Center "Junior Academy of Sciences of Ukraine", and founder of the "BaraBooka" children's reading promotion project. Trainer, mentor to children's authors, and creator of creative writing programs for children and teens. Community activist dedicated to reforming school literary education. Born in the Luhansk region into a dynasty of teachers. She believes the purpose of children's literature is "to tell children what we don't have time to talk to them about." Consequently, she actively advocates for school literature curriculum reform and created "Living Writers" — a cultural and educational project that promotes contemporary Ukrainian authors. Mother of three daughters and author of over 20 books.

18:30 - 20:00

Kyiv, GMT+3)

ARBITRATION, MEDIATION OR HYBRID? MODERN APPROACHES TO RESOLVING MARITIME DISPUTES

The panel is dedicated to modern approaches to resolving maritime disputes across different jurisdictions worldwide. We will discuss the role of arbitration, mediation, and hybrid models in resolving complex international conflicts in the maritime sector, as well as the advantages of multi-tier clauses and combined dispute resolution mechanisms. Symbolically, the discussion will take place on World Oceans Day.

MODERATOR:

Yuriy Sergeyev, Attorney at Law, PhD in Law, Associate Professor, Head of the UAA Maritime Law Committee, Arbitrator at UMAC, Managing Partner of Sergeyevs' Law Office.

SPEAKERS:

George Lambrou, International Dispute Resolution Specialist, Attorney, Arbitrator, and International Arbitration Counsel

Jonathan Lux, International Commercial Mediator, Arbitrator, and Barrister accredited by the International Mediation Institute and the Civil Mediation Council.

Professor Andrea Lista, Professor of Maritime and Commercial Law, Director of the Institute of Maritime Law, Legal Counsel, and LMAA Supporting Member.

Mykola Melnykov, Partner at Interlegal International Law Firm, Deputy Chairman and Arbitrator of the Maritime Arbitration Commission at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Practices: Maritime Law and Arbitration.

Karyna Gorova, Arbitrator of the ICAC at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Partner at Interlegal.



The session will be of interest to lawyers, arbitrators, mediators, representatives of the maritime industry, international companies, academics, and everyone working with international disputes.

SPEAKERS



YURIY SERGEYEV

Attorney at Law, PhD in Law, Associate Professor Head of the Maritime Law Committee of the Ukrainian Advocates Association (UAA) Arbitrator at the Ukrainian Maritime Arbitration Commission (UMAC) Managing Partner at Sergeyevs' Law Office. Dr. Yuriy Sergeyev is widely recognized among the leading maritime law practitioners in Ukraine and has extensive experience representing international shipowners in high-value cross-border disputes, vessel arrests, insurance claims, cargo disputes, and employment matters.

In addition to his legal practice, Dr. Sergeyev is actively involved in academic and legislative work in the field of maritime law. He is the author of numerous publications dedicated to international maritime law, vessel arrest procedures, seafarers' rights, and the application of foreign law by Ukrainian courts.



GEORGE LAMBROU

George is an international dispute resolution specialist who resolves high-value and complex multijurisdictional disputes. He is a Solicitor Advocate (England & Wales) who spends most of his time involved in arbitration and as a negotiator and overall problem solver. Throughout his career, George has advised and acted for (and against) governments, commercial entities and individuals from a wide range of countries.

George has extensive English High Court experience as well as international arbitration experience with the ICC, LCIA, LMAA, SCC, and ICSID where he regularly sits as arbitrator. He also has a strong maritime background, having been a partner for many years in a leading London-based shipping law firm. He is currently Director of the CIARB Maritime Arbitration Diploma.



PROFESSOR ANDREA LISTA

Professor Andrea Lista, LL.D (Italy), LL.M (Soton), PhD (Lond) is a Professor of Maritime and Commercial Law and the Director of the Institute of Maritime Law, School of Law, University of Southampton.

Andrea's areas of expertise lie with International Trade (Contracts concluded on Shipment Terms), International Commercial Arbitration, the Enforcement of Maritime Claims and Competition Law. He has written a number of articles and books on these subjects, and these have been cited as authoritative in courts worldwide.

Professionally, Andrea acts as Of Counsel for SLIG Law LLP London, he is a very active legal consultant for companies and law firms and is a Supporting Member of the LMAA

SPEAKERS



JONATHAN LUX

Jonathan holds the IMI diploma in cross-cultural competence. He has written widely on mediation & was named WWL's Global Maritime Lawyer of the Year featuring also in Lloyds List of Top 10 Legal Personalities. He has been recognised as a leading mediator by Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal: Mediation.

In 2018 Jonathan set up Lux Mediation, offering a variety of dispute resolution services including mediation, co-mediation, early resolution, early neutral evaluation and arbitration. Jonathan receives regular appointments as mediator and arbitrator in relation to both domestic and international commercial disputes.

WWL says: "He is very calm under pressure" "Jonathan has a thoughtful approach and thinks outside the box" "He is a good communicator and able to relate and convey ideas to lay clients".



MYKOLA MELNYKOV

Mykola Melnykov is a Partner at Interlegal international law firm, Deputy Chairman of the Maritime Arbitration Commission at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MAC at the UCCI), and an arbitrator of the Commission. He specializes in maritime law, international arbitration, yachting, finance, transactions, and investments.

In his practice, he advises clients on shipping matters, international trade, transaction structuring, and the resolution of complex disputes in the transport and maritime sectors. He actively contributes to the development of maritime arbitration in Ukraine and participates in professional industry discussions.

He is a member of the following associations: LMAA, UBA, NIU, UGA, Shiparrested, and ForwarderLaw.com.



KARYNA GOROVA

Arbitrator of the ICAC at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Attorney-at-Law, Partner at Interlegal. Specialization: Maritime law, transport and logistics, claims, litigation and arbitration.

DAY 2 09.06

09:50 - 10:00 (Kyiv, GMT+3)	PARTICIPANTS JOINING
10:15 - 11:45 Kyiv, GMT+3)	A MOTIVATIONAL FOREWORD FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS FROM THE HEAD OF THE NGO "PROHRESYLNİ" SPEAKERS: Bohdan Ferens , PhD in Political Science, Expert in International Relations, European Integration, and Security Policy, Founder of the SD Platform and the NGO "Prohresylni", Expert in International Policy, Democracy, Civil Society Development, and Ukraine's European Integration.

SPEAKERS



BOHDAN FERENS

Bogdan Ferens is a PhD in Political Science, an expert on international relations, European integration and security policy, and the founder of the SD Platform and the NGO 'Prohresylni'. He is an expert on international politics, democracy, the development of civil society and Ukraine's European integration.

10:15 - 11:45 Kyiv, GMT+3)	"WHERE TO START? ENTERING THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION COMPETITIONS" This panel is dedicated to the role of international competitions in shaping a new generation of lawyers and other professionals skilled in negotiation and mediation. Participants will discuss how competitions help students to truly experience mediation 'in practice' and learn to deal with conflicts, communication and the interests of the parties involved. The event will bring together organisers and other competition participants – judges, coaches and students – who will share their experiences from different perspectives. MODERATOR: Nataliia Mazaraki , Doctor of Law, Professor, State University of Trade and Economics. SPEAKERS: Mary Lou Frank , Ph.D., M.S., Psychologist, Litigation Mediator, Mediation Trainer, and Consultant, USA.
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Kenneth Frank, President of the International Academy of Dispute Resolution and Professor at Brenau University.

Thomas John, International Mediator, Arbitrator, and Legal Consultant with experience in commercial, art, and government law.

Kateryna Manetska, LL.M, Lawyer, INADR Board Member, Mediator at Aspire Dispute Resolution & Innovation, and Coach of Student Mediation and Negotiation Teams.

Ruslan Mirzayev, Head of Education and Training at the International Court of Arbitration.

Yuliia Shumylo, Master of Law Candidate (2nd Year) at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Participant in International Mediation and Negotiation Competitions.



It will be of interest to students from various disciplines, lecturers, mediation and negotiation trainers, university representatives, competition organisers, young lawyers and anyone wishing to foster a culture of dialogue and negotiation.

SPEAKERS



NATALIIA MAZARAKI

Doctor of Law, Head of the Department of International, Civil and Commercial Law at the State University of Trade and Economics, expert and researcher in the field of mediation. Ms Mazaraki conducts in-depth research on the introduction of mediation into Ukrainian legislation and acts as an expert in international projects on alternative dispute resolution. With her participation, the Mediation Clinic and the Mediation Education and Advisory Centre were founded at the State University of Trade and Economics (Kyiv, Ukraine). Ms. Mazaraki is a member of the Working Group on the development of the draft laws 'On Mediation' and 'On Ratification of the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements resulting from Mediation'. In 2023, she co-authored a needs assessment report with recommendations on 'Mediation in Ukraine in Wartime and Post-War Times' as part of the USAID Justice for All Programme, as well as a Roadmap for the Implementation of Court Mediation in Ukraine as part of the Council of Europe project.



MARY LOU FRANK

Dr. Mary Lou Bryant Frank, Ph.D., M.S., M.Ed., is a psychologist, professor, court approved mediator, mediation trainer, and consultant. She served as president of the International Academy of Dispute Resolution, as well as serving as a university vice president, dean, professor, fellow, and adjunct professor. She currently teaches at Brenau University, Mercer Law School, Middle Georgia State University, and Mykolas Romeris University Law School and is a fellow at the Institute for Higher Education at the University of Georgia. She has completed conflict resolution training programs at Harvard University, Georgia State University, and the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. She is co-founder of the consulting group Transforming Mediation, LLC. Her text, "The mind of a peacemaker: The psychology of mediation" in its 3rd edition. She serves on the board of directors for the International Academy for Dispute Resolution, the International Women's Think Tank, and other international boards and research councils.

SPEAKERS



KENNETH FRANK

Kenneth Frank holds a J.D. in law from the University of Colorado and a MA in Conflict Resolution from Columbia College. He developed the first undergraduate degree program in Conflict Resolution & Legal Studies in the state of Georgia, located at Brenau University. He has been involved in mediation tournaments since their inception in 2000 and he has served on the inaugural Board of Directors for INADR and is currently serving as the President of the International Academy for Dispute Resolution. He received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia for his many years of work in mediation training. He is also a registered neutral with the state of Georgia, in the United States and is co-founder of the consulting group, Transforming Mediation.



THOMAS JOHN

Thomas practises worldwide as an international mediator, arbitrator, negotiator and legal adviser. He is based in the Netherlands and practises in two languages (English and German). Thomas specialises in resolving commercial, corporate and investment disputes, as well as disputes relating to tourism, business, human rights, and disputes concerning art and cultural objects, in particular their restitution in post-colonial and post-war contexts. He is an arbitrator at the Arbitration Court in The Hague, the Netherlands. He is the director of the IBA-VIAC CDRC Mediation and Negotiation Moot in Vienna, a leading global mediation competition.



KATERYNA MANETSKA

Lawyer, mediator at Aspire Dispute Resolution & Innovation, and a Member of the Board of Directors of the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR). She works with technology companies, startups, investment projects, and cross-border business initiatives, advising on legal strategy, stakeholder engagement, and dispute prevention. Kateryna actively coaches students for international mediation and negotiation competitions and promotes the development of alternative dispute resolution among young professionals.



RUSLAN MIRZAYEV

Ruslan Mirzayev is the global Head of Education and Training at the ICC Dispute Resolution, responsible for developing and implementing strategies for building capacity in arbitration and ADR globally. Before joining ICC, Ruslan was often engaged as a leading policy and reform expert in arbitration and ADR in various projects by the European Union, Council of Europe and World Bank. He has been a mediator with the UN, World Bank, and Asian Development Bank. In addition to his experience in mediation and policy work, as an attorney admitted to the bars of New York and Azerbaijan he advised and represented different parties in international commercial and investment arbitration cases in various capacities before joining ICC.



YULIIA SHUMYLO

Second-year Master's student in Law at NaUKMA, exchange student at Bocconi University (Milan, Italy, 2025). Participant and award-winner in international mediation and negotiation competitions:

- participant, INADR (Vilnius, Lithuania, 2023);
- 3rd place team award – "Best Mediator Team," INADR (Tbilisi, Georgia, 2025);
- participant, CDRC (Vienna, Austria, 2025);
- semi-finalist, ICC (Paris, France, 2026);
- 1st place team award – "Best Mediator Team," and individual award – "Top Mediator" (Chicago, USA, 2026).

12:00 - 14:00

Kyiv, GMT+3)

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

Restorative justice is currently one of the important areas for developing a humane and people-centered approach to justice in Ukraine. During this panel, we will discuss the development of the restorative justice program for juveniles, the role of the Free Legal Aid system, interagency cooperation, and the social importance of this approach. It will also be an opportunity to reflect on the path of restorative justice development in Ukraine and to discuss its future.

MODERATOR:

Iryna Fedorych, PhD in Law, Mediator, Trainer, Member of the NGO "Focus on Law", Chair of the Board of the Association of Family Mediators of Ukraine.

SPEAKERS:

Alona Horova, Chair of the Institute of Peace and Common Ground, Group Conflict Mediator with over 20 years of experience, Expert in Restorative Justice and Peacebuilding.

Mykola Sioma, Director of the Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation, PhD, working in the field of human rights and equal access to justice.

Olena Kryvko, Human Rights Specialist at UNDP Ukraine, specializing in the rule of law and access to justice.

Dr. Aarne Kinnunen, Senior Ministerial Advisor at the Department of Criminal Policy and Criminal Justice of the Ministry of Justice of Finland; PhD, Adjunct Professor at the University of Eastern Finland; Expert in crime prevention, anti-corruption, and restorative justice.

Oksana Dekhtiaruk, Deputy Head of the Division for the Protection of Children's Interests and Combating Domestic Violence, Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine.

Iryna Bondarenko, Head of Alternative Dispute Resolution Initiatives at the Coordination Center for Legal Aid Provision, Mediator, Trainer.



This session will be of interest to lawyers, mediators, Free Legal Aid professionals, prosecutors, judges, police representatives, educators, researchers, and everyone interested in restorative justice.

SPEAKERS



IRYNA FEDORYCH

Mediator, PhD in Law, Mediator Supervisor, Acting Chairman of the Board of the NGO "Association of Family Mediators of Ukraine", Co-author and Trainer of Training Programs for Mediator Training, Interviewer on Providing Assistance in Ensuring Access to Mediation in the System of Free Legal Aid, Expert on Restorative Justice Issues in Cooperation with the NGO "Focus of Law", Invited Lecturer at the School of Law of the Ukrainian Catholic University.



ALONA HOROVA

Alona Horova – conflict resolution specialist, mediator, and expert in restorative justice and peacebuilding. Co-founder and Board Chair of the Institute for Peace and Common Ground (IPCG), with 22+ years of experience in conflict transformation and dialogue facilitation across Ukraine, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the South Caucasus.

Pioneer of restorative justice in Ukraine since 2002. Lecturer at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (2007–2019), course "Restorative Justice." Adviser to the World Bank CAO (2010–2018). Trained directly by RJ founders Howard Zehr, Mark Umbreit, and others. IPCG is a member of the European Forum for Restorative Justice. Engaged expert in national and international projects on restorative approaches and peacebuilding.



MYKOLA SIOMA

Mykola Sioma – Director of the Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation (ULAF), PhD, lawyer. He has over ten years of experience in human rights and the development of the free legal aid system in Ukraine. He was involved in building the legal aid system, developing legal clinics, and establishing paralegal networks in communities, including in frontline territories. He collaborates with the National Police, prosecutor's office, and Ombudsman institutions on access to justice for vulnerable groups. ULAF is currently preparing to implement a restorative justice project for veterans – as a response to the new challenges facing Ukrainian society in connection with the reintegration of veterans.



DR. AARNE KINNUNEN

Д-р Аарне Кіннунен обіймає посаду керівника відділу та старшого радника міністра у Міністерстві юстиції Фінляндії. Він має великий досвід у сфері розвитку відновного правосуддя, розробки стратегій запобігання злочинності та антикорупційних заходів. Д-р Кіннунен також виконує обов'язки генерального секретаря Національної ради із запобігання злочинності та очолює групу з питань запобігання злочинності при міністерстві. Він продовжує відігравати ключову роль у розвитку структур відновного правосуддя, медіації та вирішення конфліктів як у Фінляндії, так і в міжнародному контексті. Д-р Кіннунен бере активну участь у міжнародному співробітництві в рамках Організації Об'єднаних Націй, Ради Європи та Європейського Союзу. Він має ступінь доктора соціальних наук і призначений ад'юнктом-професором Східно-Фінляндського університету.

SPEAKERS



OLENA KRYVKO

Olena Kryvko is a Human Rights Specialist at UNDP Ukraine with more than 10 years of professional experience in human rights, rule of law, and access to justice. She coordinates and supports initiatives related to the Ombudsperson's Office, the Free Legal Aid system, restorative justice, human rights in wartime, and EU integration processes. She has extensive experience working with state institutions, international organizations, and civil society actors to promote people-centered approaches within the justice system.



OKSANA DEKHTIARUK

I am working on the implementation of the pilot project "Restorative Justice Program with the participation of minors who are suspects accused of committing a criminal offense".



IRYNA BONDARENKO

Specialist in alternative dispute resolution and legal aid, mediator and trainer. Since 2018, she has been working on the integration of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms into Ukraine's legal aid system. She is responsible for maintaining the Register of Mediators, assessing mediators' competencies in the field of restorative justice and providing professional support; developing training and methodological materials, as well as proposals for legislation and regulations in the areas of mediation and restorative justice programmes; coordinating legal aid centres in providing assistance in access to mediation and delivering mediation services within the state restorative justice programme; and advancing other key aspects of ADR implementation, including public legal education and awareness-raising activities.

15:00 - 17:00
Kyiv, GMT+3)

MANDATORY MEDIATION: WHICH MODEL WORKS, HOW TO IMPLEMENT IT, AND HOW TO MEASURE RESULTS

During the panel discussion, we will explore different approaches to the introduction of mandatory mediation and MIAM models, discuss best practices, implementation challenges and lessons to be learned. Particular attention will be paid to how to assess the effectiveness of such models and which indicators really matter.

MODERATOR:

Leonardo D'Urso, CEO of ADR Center (Italy) and ADR Center Global (Dubai).

SPEAKERS:

Christian Chereji, Professor of Conflict Studies, Mediator, Independent Expert in Informal Governance and Conflict Analysis.

Elena Koltsaki, Lawyer-Mediator, Affiliate Professor of Negotiations and Mediation Management at Alba Graduate Business School, The American College of Greece, Senior Mediation Expert at ADR Center Global.

Julia Radanova, Head of the ADR Center Out-of-Court Dispute Settlement Body; Expert in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation, and EU Digital Regulation.

Asiyan Suleymanoglu, Internationally Accredited Mediator; Advisor to the United Nations, DFC, and the OPEC Fund on Dispute Resolution.



This will be of interest to judges, lawyers, mediators, government officials, researchers, international experts and anyone interested in access to justice reform.

SPEAKERS



LEONARDO D'URSO

Leonardo D'Urso is CEO at ADR Center (Italy) and ADR Center Global (Dubai), where he is leading the expansion of the first fully integrated dispute resolution group. The model combines four divisions – mediation services, professional education, technology platforms, and system design consultancy – into a single ecosystem serving businesses, governments, and institutions across Europe, Africa and the Middle East, with operations in Rome and Dubai. Since 1998, D'Urso has mediated over 3,000 civil and commercial disputes and built a network of more than 90 resolution centers and 200 mediators. He is Board member of the Weinstein International Foundation and Board member and Vice Chair of the International Mediation Institute. He is the co-author of SOLVE – Mastering Conflict Resolution with the SOLVE Mediation Matrix.



CHRISTIAN CHEREJI

Christian Chereji is a Professor of Conflict Studies at Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania, and a Weinstein JAMS International Fellow. He has combined academic research with mediation practice, specializing in consensus building, stakeholder engagement, and the design of dispute resolution systems. He is accredited by the Romanian Mediation Council and the International Mediation Institute and has trained more than 1,000 mediators in Romania and internationally.

His work includes projects for the World Bank Group's Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO), the Green Climate Fund's Independent Redress Mechanism, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the National Center for State Courts. He has designed community mediation systems and advises on dispute resolution processes in complex multi-stakeholder

SPEAKERS



ELENA KOLTSAKI

A lawyer, practicing mediator & Affiliate Professor at ACG ALBA Graduate Business School. A lead trainer at the Bar of Athens, she has trained over 3,000 mediators worldwide and holds accreditation in Civil/Commercial, Family & Workplace Mediation (UK, USA, Greece). She sits as a panelist at the Organisation for Mediation&Arbitration for labour disputes and has advised the Hellenic Parliament and Greek Ministry of Justice on mediation reform. Co-founder of the Greek Mediation Institute, she is a Past President of INADR and has served on advisory boards for the UN and as a Mediation Expert on CEPEJ programmes at the Council of Europe. A PhD holder listed in Who's Who Legal since 2020, she sits as an International Mediation Expert at ADR Center Global. Elena is an internationally recognized speaker, competition judge, and university coach.



JULIA RADANOVA

Julia Radanova is a legal professional with deep expertise in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and mediation. With a career spanning multiple jurisdictions and international institutions, she has built a strong reputation as a practitioner and advocate in the ADR field. Julia holds advanced legal qualifications and has worked across both private practice and institutional settings, advising clients on complex disputes and guiding parties through mediation and arbitration processes. Her work is currently focused on out-of-court dispute settlement under the Digital Services Act, where she applies her dispute resolution expertise to emerging platform accountability cases. Julia is multilingual and brings a cross-cultural sensitivity to her practice that is essential in international proceedings.



ASIYAN SÜLEYMANOĞLU

Asiyman Süleymanoglu is an internationally accredited mediator and ADR expert with 20+ years of experience and 1,000+ mediations across commercial, labour, multi-party, and cross-border disputes. A leading voice in business and human rights mediation, she handles labour rights, discrimination, and grievance mechanisms within global supply chains in agriculture, textile, and automotive, and leads ESG and Human Rights Due Diligence assessments. In 2026 she was appointed Mediator with the U.S. DFC's Independent Accountability Mechanism and Mediation Consultant to the OPEC Fund's new accountability mechanism, and serves at the Unified Patent Court's Mediation and Arbitration Centre (2026-2031) and on the UN's Global Mediation Panel. An International Weinstein JAMS Fellow, she holds an LL.M. from Loyola University Chicago and is IMI Accredited.

17:00 - 18:30
Kyiv, GMT+3)

AN UNEXPECTED PARTNERSHIP: MEDIATION IN THE MEDIA

How can media help promote a culture of dialogue and peaceful dispute resolution? During the panel, we will discuss the role of journalism, social media, public communication, and media projects in shaping public attitudes toward conflicts and mediation. We will also explore how to communicate about complex issues in a clear, engaging, and non-polarizing way.

17:00 - 18:30

Kyiv, GMT+3)

MODERATOR:

Olga Golovko, Mediator, Trainer, PhD in Law, Associate Professor at Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, PR Manager of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation.

SPEAKERS:

Otar Dovzhenko, Ukrainian Journalist, Media Critic, Editor, Media Researcher, Expert at Lviv Media Forum, Chair of the Independent Media Council, Co-founder of Longdog.media, and Co-editor of the DovhyiPes Media Newsletter.

Pavlo Chernyshuk, Editor of "Yurydychna Gazeta"

Olena Vinsent, Manager of the Participation Increase Direction at Wikimedia Ukraine.

Olena Leptuha, Editor-in-Chief of the independent Kharkiv-based media outlet Nakypilo, Head of the NGO Kharkiv Crisis Infocenter, Trainer at the Deutsche Welle Academy.



The session will be of interest to journalists, communication professionals, mediators, lawyers, civil society organizations, bloggers, educators, and everyone working in the field of public communication.

SPEAKERS



OLGA GOLOVKO

Olga Golovko (Ukraine) is a mediator, trainer, PhD in Law, Associate Professor at the Department of Intellectual Property and Private Law of Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, PR Manager of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Information, Security and Law of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine. She teaches the courses Mediation in Legal Practice and Fundamentals of Restorative Justice.



OTAR DOVZHENKO

Otar Dovzhenko is a Ukrainian journalist, media critic, editor and media researcher, an expert at the Lviv Media Forum and chair of the Independent Media Council. He is a co-founder of the media consultancy Longdog.media and co-editor of the 'DovgyiPes' media newsletter. He has worked at "Telekritika", MediaSapiens and "Detector Media", and has taught at the School of Journalism at the Ukrainian Catholic University. Since 2005, he has been monitoring the Ukrainian media and researching information processes. He was born in Zaporizhzhia, grew up in Dnipro and lives in Lviv.

SPEAKERS



PAVLO CHERNYSHUK

Editor of "Yurydychna Gazeta", I have many years of experience working with written content; I have been actively involved in Ukraine's digital transformation. I enjoy meeting interesting people, analyzing information, and listening to others. Fan of black-and-white photography.



OLENA VINSENT

Olena Vinsent is the Manager of the Participation Increase direction at Wikimedia Ukraine. She organizes educational and community projects, thematic campaigns, edit-a-thons, trainings, and online events for different audiences. Her work focuses on developing participation in Wikimedia projects, supporting new editors, and engaging educators, cultural institutions, and communities in contributing to Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects. She also has experience in public health, human rights, mental health, and organizing community initiatives.



OLENA LEPTUGA

Trainer, Editor-in-Chief of 'Nakipilo', Deputy Head of the Department of Language Training at the National University of Civil Protection of Ukraine, Associate Professor. Lecturer at V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University. Editor-in-Chief of the 'Nakipilo' media group and a certified trainer with the Deutsche Welle Akademie.

18:30 - 20:00
Kyiv, GMT+3)

NOTARIAT AND MEDIATION: PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE AGREEMENTS

Mediation and notarial practice can effectively complement each other in creating sustainable, clear, and practically enforceable agreements. During this panel, we will discuss the role of notaries in supporting amicable dispute resolution and the opportunities for cooperation between mediators and notaries.

MODERATOR:

Iryna Petrova, Head of the Mediation Center of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine, Notary, Certified Mediator, University Lecturer, PhD in Law.

18:30 - 20:00
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SPEAKERS:

Volodymyr Marchenko, President of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine, Doctor of Philosophy in Law (PhD).

Tetiana Sukhanova, Private Notary, Member of the Mediation Center of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine, Head of the Vinnytsia Regional Branch of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine.

Halyna Parusova, Notary of Ukraine, Member of the Commission for Analytical and Methodological Support of Notarial Activities and the Commission on International Cooperation of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine, Mediator.

Nataliia Yakovchuk, Private Notary of the Kyiv City Notary District, Mediator, Member of the Mediation Center of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine.



This session will be of interest to notaries, mediators, advocates, lawyers, representatives of professional associations, and everyone working in out-of-court dispute resolution.

SPEAKERS



IRYNA PETROVA

Head of the Mediation Center of the Notarial Chamber of Ukraine, Private Notary (Kyiv), Mediator, Associate Professor of Law, Trainer of the Basic Mediator Training Program



VOLODYMYR MARCHENKO

President of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine. Doctor of Philosophy in Law (PhD). Board Member of the Ukrainian Bar Association. Editor-in-Chief of the scientific and practical journal "Small Encyclopedia of the Notary". Member of the Academy of Notaries of Ukraine. Honorary Member of the Union of Lawyers of Ukraine. Author and co-author of a number of articles, monographs, and books.

SPEAKERS



TETYANA SUKHANOVA

A practicing notary with 28 years of experience, specializing in family law matters, inheritance and succession cases, and legal support for corporate clients. Certified in basic mediation skills in 2019 and family mediation in 2020. Experienced in conducting mediation proceedings and assisting parties in reaching mutually acceptable agreements through alternative dispute resolution.



HALYNA PARUSOVA

For more than 20 years, she has worked in the legal field as a Ukrainian notary. She is a certified mediator, including in family disputes, and a graduate of the LL.M. Mediation Master's Program at Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania), holding a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree. She has also participated in the MiKK training program, "Cross-Border Family Mediation for Ukrainian Mediators." Actively engaged in professional self-governance, she serves on Analytical and Methodological Support Commission for Notarial Activities and the International Cooperation Commission of the Notarial Chamber of Ukraine, as well as a member of the Board of the Chamber's Kyiv Branch. She is a private notary of the Kyiv City Notarial District, a trainer, author, and lecturer of educational courses for students and the professional community.



NATALIIA YAKOVCHUK

Private notary of the Kyiv City Notary District, mediator, member of the Mediation Center of the Notarial Chamber of Ukraine

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09:50 - 10:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

PARTICIPANTS JOINING

10:00 - 11:45
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

WHY GO INSTITUTIONAL? THE VALUE OF FRAMEWORKS, RULES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT



Why are parties increasingly choosing institutional formats for mediation and arbitration? During this panel, we will discuss the role of rules, procedures, administrative support, and institutional trust in ensuring the quality of dispute resolution processes. We will also explore how institutional mechanisms contribute to predictability, professional standards, and trust in ADR.

MODERATORS:

Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler, joined the VIAC Secretariat in October 2017; as of January 2018 she served as Deputy Secretary General and since September 2025 she is Managing Counsel.

Stella-Jo Thurner, trained mediator with experience in mediation and arbitration research and practice. Currently serving as a law clerk with the Austrian courts.

SPEAKERS:

Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Professor of Law at Singapore Management University. His research focuses on international economic law and dispute resolution.

Katja Kröll, Commercial Mediator, CPA, and Tax Advisor. She helps businesses resolve shareholder and family business disputes through financially informed mediation.

Hannah Tümpel, International Mediator, Educator, and Dispute Resolution Specialist. Co-leads the MA Programme on Mediation at Viadrina University, Germany.

Laura Spanitz, University Assistant (prae-doc) at the University of Graz, working at the intersection of legal sociology, legal policy, negotiation, mediation, and ADR.



This session will be of interest to mediators, arbitrators, advocates, representatives of ADR institutions, businesses, international organizations, and everyone involved in organizing dispute resolution processes.

SPEAKERS



ELISABETH VANAS

Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler joined the VIAC Secretariat in October 2017; as of January 2018 she served as Deputy Secretary General and since September 2025 she is Managing Counsel. Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler studied law at Vienna served as research assistant at the Department for Business and Commercial Law at the Law Faculty of Vienna University. Later, she worked with renowned international law firms in Vienna and Bogotá (Colombia), first as an associate and then as an attorney-at-law, with a focus on dispute resolution. Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler has been very active in this field, including conferences, lectures, publications and memberships. University (Mag. iur., Dr iur.), Geneva University and Harvard Law School (LL.M.). She



STELLA-JO THURNER

Stella-Jo Thurner is a trained mediator and currently works as a court clerk with the Austrian courts. Previously, she worked as a student research assistant at the Department of Civil Procedure at the University of Vienna, where she focused on mediation and arbitration. Her interest in these fields stems from her commitment to helping people resolve conflicts. She has also gained experience in the disputes team at a prestigious law firm in Vienna and as an intern and student project assistant at the Vienna International Arbitral Centre. She regularly publishes on dispute resolution.



MARK MCLAUGHLIN

Mark McLaughlin is Assistant Professor of Law at Singapore Management University, with a joint appointment at the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA). He has been a trainer for government officials around the world in managing their investment treaty commitments and navigating complex disputes, and coordinates the investment dispute programme of UNCITRAL Academy. In 2026 he was an expert contributor to UNCITRAL Working Group II on Dispute Settlement. His research addresses international economic law and dispute resolution, with particular attention to arbitration and mediation; he has published on investor-state mediation, state-owned enterprises, and the regulation of emerging technologies in leading journals. He is co-editor of a forthcoming volume on Global Trends in Mediation.



KATJA KRÖLL

Katja Kröll – Independent Commercial Mediator.

Katja Kröll is an independent commercial mediator based in Cologne, Germany. As a German Certified Public Accountant (Wirtschaftsprüferin) and Tax Advisor (Steuerberaterin), she combines financial expertise with professional conflict resolution skills.

With more than 20 years of experience, including advisory work at KPMG, she founded her own practice in 2016. She specializes in shareholder disputes and conflicts within family-owned businesses, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in finding sustainable solutions.

In addition to her mediation practice, Katja teaches at the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences and contributes to the education of future mediators through workshops, lectures, and mediation moot courts.

SPEAKERS



HANNAH TÜMPEL

Hannah is a mediator, lawyer, intercultural manager, trainer and leadership coach. After heading the International Centre for ADR of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) for many years, she served as Deputy Executive Director of UWC International, a global education NGO. Subsequently, she headed “kulturweit” a global exchange programme of the UNESCO Commission funded by the German Foreign Office. Hannah qualified as a lawyer and mediator in Germany, holds an MA in Mediation and Conflict Management and is a CEDR-accredited mediator. She was one of the main drafters of the ICC Mediation Rules, Expertise and Dispute Board Rules and headed the team which ran the ICC Mediation Competition for many years. She served as ICSID conciliator and serves as a mediator for cross-border family mediations, especially for child abduction cases. Hannah teaches mediation at several universities and has spoken at ADR conferences around the world.



LAURA SPANITZ

Laura Spanitz is a University Assistant (prae-doc) at the University of Graz, working at the intersection of legal sociology, legal policy, negotiation, mediation, and ADR. Her doctoral research examines mandatory dispute resolution agreements in Austrian case law and their connection to the professionalization of ADR practice. She investigates whether mediation, conciliation, and arbitration require differentiated legal treatment based on practitioners' role-specific competence profiles. Her work combines civil law, socio-legal, and competence-based perspectives to inform professional standards and future regulatory.

13:00 - 14:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

MEDIATION AND MENTAL HEALTH IN DISPLACEMENT CONTEXTS:

PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR DIALOGUE AND SOCIAL COHESION

Mass displacement caused by war and crises creates new challenges for communication, trust, and social cohesion. During this panel, we will discuss the role of mediation, dialogue, and psychosocial support in working with communities, people with displacement experience, and host communities. Special attention will be given to practical tools that help reduce tension and support mutual understanding.

MODERATOR:

Olha Pykhova, Mediator, PhD, Nonviolent Communication Practitioner, Director of a Private Ukrainian School in Batumi, Georgia.

SPEAKER:

Gianandrea Pallich, Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Supervisor, and Trained Mediator, deployed as an MHPSS Expert with UNHCR Ukraine through Swiss Humanitarian Aid.



This session will be of interest to mediators, psychologists, social workers, civil society organizations, international partners, educators, and everyone working with displacement and integration issues.

SPEAKERS



OLHA PYKHOVA

Mediator, PhD, and practitioner of Nonviolent Communication (NVC). Director of a private Ukrainian school in Batumi, Georgia. Works in the fields of education, communication, and the promotion of constructive dialogue. Interested in fostering mutual understanding, peaceful conflict resolution, the development of educational communities, and creating conditions for respect and cooperation among students, parents, and educators. Facilitates Peace and Justice lessons for Ukrainian schoolchildren.



GIANANDREA PALLICH

Dr. Gianandrea Pallich is a psychologist, psychotherapist, and trained mediator deployed as MHPSS Expert with UNHCR Ukraine through Swiss Humanitarian Aid. Previously he led MHPSS activities with Médecins Sans Frontières in Iraq and designed a mental health programme for remand prisons in Zurich. He holds a PhD from the University of Bern, a Master's in Psychotherapy from the University of Zurich, and training in emergency psychology and trauma-focused therapies. He teaches at accredited psychotherapy institutes in Switzerland.

14:00 - 15:30
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

FROM DIALOGUE TO ACTION: PRACTICAL CASES OF INTERCULTURAL INTERACTION AND SOCIAL ADAPTATION FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Community resilience largely depends on people's ability to interact despite cultural, linguistic, and social differences. This panel will present practical cases of intercultural dialogue, social adaptation, and interaction within communities experiencing change due to war, migration, and other crises. Participants will discuss tools that help transform tension into cooperation and joint solutions.

MODERATOR:

Inna Ponomarenko, PhD in Philology, Coordinator of the RIKA Conversation and Integration Clubs Network.

SPEAKERS:

Liliia Ruskulis, Doctor of Science in Pedagogy, Professor, Head of the Department of Ukrainian Language, Literature and Teaching Methodology, Admiral Makarov National University of Shipbuilding.

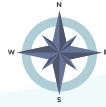
Olena Maliarenko, Writer and Journalist, Author of Embroidery and Paintings, Moderator of the RIKA Conversation Club in Kherson.

Yevhen Kozelkov, Project Manager at CO "The Tenth of April", with more than seven years of experience in the humanitarian sector, refugee protection, and support for internally displaced persons.

Alisa Kolesnikova, Humanitarian Project Manager at CO "The Tenth of April", implementing projects across southern Ukraine, including Mykolaiv and Odesa regions.

Alisa Horshkova, CLead HUB Coordinator, CO "The Tenth of April".

Serhii Shevchenko, Lawyer of the project "Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, Conflict-Affected Persons, and Community Empowerment".



This session will be of interest to mediators, community representatives, international organizations, educators, social workers, youth leaders, and everyone working on community cohesion.

SPEAKERS



INNA PONOMARENKO

Since 2023, I have been working in the field of effective communication practices. Throughout this time, the RIKA Conversation and Integration Clubs have proven to be highly adaptable, socially impactful, and effective mechanisms for providing linguistic, cultural, and psychosocial support to vulnerable groups. The clubs have evolved into valuable spaces for trust-building, mutual support, and community empowerment, fostering social cohesion, civic participation, and the preservation of cultural identity amid a protracted crisis. Project Manager, CO "The Tenth of April", Ukraine. Holds over 7 years of experience within the humanitarian sector, particularly in the fields of rights protection for refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and individuals affected by the war. Collaborates within a multidisciplinary team of experts delivering daily legal, social, and psychological support to persons requiring protection and aid. Demonstrates practical expertise in humanitarian project coordination, liaison with government institutions and international partners, alongside a specialized focus on access to rights, social protection, and the integration of vulnerable categories of the population.



LILIIA RUSKULIS

Studies the phenomenon of the national-linguistic identity of higher education students by applying a cognitive-communicative approach to language teaching. Investigates issues relating to the functioning of the Ukrainian language as a key factor in national identity and as a vehicle for the spiritual heritage of the nation. Addresses issues concerning adherence to the principles of good academic practice. Moderator of the conversational and integration club. Main focus: the formation of the national-linguistic worldview of Ukrainians – their perception of the world and understanding of reality through linguistic signs; the mental connection of the individual to the world through the linguistic units of a single person, on the one hand, and of the entire ethnic group, on the other.



OLENA MALYARENKO

Olena Alyona Malyarenko (02.10.1978). Ukrainian writer and journalist, author of embroidery and paintings, moderator of the RIKA conversation club in Kherson.

SPEAKERS



YEVHEN KOZELKOV

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ALISA KOLESNYKOVA

Humanitarian project manager at CO "The Tenth of April," working in southern Ukraine since 2022. Specializes in programming for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities across Mykolaiv and Odesa regions. Currently implements a UHF-funded project focused on support for persons with limited mobility and IDPs with disabilities. Previously led a project in partnership with DRC, delivering social cohesion sessions aimed at integrating IDPs into host communities, as well as multicultural events — including festivals that brought together people of diverse ethnic backgrounds. Draws on direct field experience to explore how structured dialogue and inclusive community initiatives translate into measurable resilience outcomes.



ALISA HORSHKOVA

Lead HUB Coordinator CO "THE TENTH OF APRIL". Works on the project "Protection for internally displaced, conflict-affected people and community empowerment" focusing on the development of a network of social spaces "Community House" as anchor points within communities. Has over 7 years of experience in the civil society sector, youth work, and volunteering.

SERHII SHEVCHENKO

Lawyer of the project "Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, Conflict-Affected Persons, and Community Empowerment".

16:00 - 17:30
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

THE POWER OF THE HORIZONTAL: WHAT WILL PREVAIL – SQUARES OR TOWERS?

Is the world shifting from rigid vertical structures toward horizontal interaction and network-based communities? This panel will create a space for discussing the power of horizontal connections, the role of communities, self-organization, dialogue, and new models of leadership in modern society. We will also explore how the culture of interaction influences the resilience of societies during periods of crisis and transformation.

MODERATOR:

Olga Golovko, Mediator, Trainer, PhD in Law, Associate Professor at Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, PR Manager of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation.

SPEAKER:

Nataliia Kryvda, Doctor of Philosophical Sciences, Professor at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Chair of the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation (UCF), Academic Director of Edinburgh Business School in Ukraine, Member of the Expert Council on Overcoming the Consequences of Russification and Totalitarianism under the Ministry of Culture and Information .



This session will be of interest to civil society organizations, mediators, educators, youth leaders, researchers, communication specialists, and everyone working with communities and social change.

SPEAKERS



OLGA GOLOVKO

Olga Golovko (Ukraine) is a mediator, trainer, PhD in Law, Associate Professor at the Department of Intellectual Property and Private Law of Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, PR Manager of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Information, Security and Law of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine. She teaches the courses Mediation in Legal Practice and Fundamentals of Restorative Justice.



NATALIA KRYVDA

Doctor of Philosophy, Professor at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. Chair of the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation (UCF). Academic Director of the Edinburgh Business School in Ukraine. Member of the Expert Council under the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy on overcoming the consequences of Russification and totalitarianism. Author of over 120 academic and methodological publications.

17:30 - 18:30
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

THE MEDIATOR'S MIND: A MENTAL MODEL FOR SUCCESS

SPEAKER:

Bruce Edwards, one of the first commercial mediators in the United States, has been a full-time mediator for over 35 years. Co-founder of JAMS and Edwards Mediation Academy, currently practicing with Signature Resolution.

SPEAKER



BRUCE EDWARDS

Bruce Edwards was one of the pioneers in developing mediation as a tool for resolving commercial disputes. A full-time professional mediator since 1985, Bruce has helped mediation gain widespread acceptance in the United States legal system as an alternative to often costly and time-consuming litigation. He played a central role in creating JAMS ADR, and served as Chairman of the Board from 2011 to 2014.

Bruce has consistently received recognition for his work as a mediator, most recently being accepted into the inaugural edition of Who's Who in ADR by ADR Times 2022; once again recognized as a Best Lawyer in the ADR category by Best Lawyers 2022; and recognized as a thought leader in the US by Who's Who Legal, 2023. In addition to mediating full-time for the past 35 years, Bruce has devoted a substantial amount of time sharing his practical knowledge with others domestically and abroad. In 2014 he co-founded Edwards Mediation Academy with his wife, Susan Franson. The Academy's interactive online courses are taught by recognized experts in the mediation field and have been recognized as the gold standard in online mediation training. To date, EMA has trained over 1,600 dispute resolution professionals in the United States and around the world.

18:40 - 20:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

MEDIATION ADVOCACY: THE ART OF REPRESENTING CLIENTS IN MEDIATION

Effective representation in mediation requires a different set of skills than traditional courtroom advocacy. During this panel, we will discuss the role of lawyers in mediation and the balance between protecting the client's interests and supporting constructive dialogue.

MODERATOR:

Oksana Yaremko, Associate Professor of the Department of Psychology and Social Work at West Ukrainian National University, Mediator, Attorney-at-Law, Member of the Mediation Committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA).

SPEAKERS:

Rimantas Simaitis, Professor, Former Chair of the Mediation Experts Working Group at the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice of the Council of Europe.

Irakli Kandashvili, Chairman of the Georgian Bar Association, Past Immediate President of the Mediators Association of Georgia, Professor, Doctor of Law.

Yuna Potomkina, Partner at Asters, Head of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Co-Head of Public Advocacy & Law, mediator and negotiator.

NatalYa Dotsenko, Deputy Chair of the UNBA Committee on Mediation, Attorney-at-Law, and Mediator.

Ana Sambold, California Attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator and ADR Professor. Former Chair of the American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section and current Policy Officer.



This session will be of interest to advocates, lawyers, mediators, law students, and everyone working in dispute resolution.

SPEAKERS



OKSANA YAREMKO

Associate Professor of the Department of Psychology and Social Work at West Ukrainian National University, Mediator, Attorney-at-Law, Member of the Mediation Committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA).



RIMANTAS SIMAITIS

Prof. Dr. Rimantas Simaitis is an attorney-at-law, mediator, arbitrator, professor at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University, partner and head of Dispute Resolution Department at the Baltic Law Firm COBALT, chairman of the Commission for the Qualification Examination of Mediators of the Republic of Lithuania, member of the cyberjustice experts working group of the Council of Europe's European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST), former president the mediation experts working group of the Council of Europe's European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ-GT-MED). Rimantas has more than 18 years of experience participating in mediation and e-justice development projects in Latvia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Albania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Georgia and other European and neighbouring countries. Since 2006 he has been also actively involved in development of mediation legislation and mediation projects in Lithuania.



IRAKLI KANDASHVILI

Prof. Dr. Irakli Kandashvili, LL.M. – is a Chairman of Georgian Bar Association and past-immediate Chair of Mediators Association of Georgia, at the same time is a Managing Partner of Law Office 'K&K Consulting' and a licensed mediator. He is a practicing lawyer for more than 22 years and is representing the interests of his clients in all courts of Georgian jurisdiction as well as at European Court of Human Rights.

Mr.Kandashvili is a licensed trainer of American Bar Association in trial skills and expert of UNHCHR and ILO in Georgia.

Mr.Kandashvili is a HELP Info Point and representing Georgian Bar Association at CoE Help program.

SPEAKERS



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ANA SAMBOLD

Ana Sambold is an internationally recognized mediator, arbitrator, and leader in the field of conflict resolution. Over the last 15 years, she has facilitated the resolution of more than 1,000 commercial and civil matters. She has been recognized as a National Academy of Distinguished Neutral (NADN), an International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator, and a National Conflict Resolution Center-credentialed Mediator. Ms. Sambold is also a Professor at the University of San Diego School of Law and has taught extensively in conflict resolution, negotiation, and ADR across the world. As an influential leader in ADR, she has held numerous leadership roles in the ADR field. Most notably, she is the 2023–2024 Chair of the ABA Dispute Resolution Section, the largest association of ADR professionals in the world.

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PARTICIPANTS JOINING

10:00 - 11:30
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

TAX DISPUTES: A SPACE FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN BUSINESS AND THE STATE

How can the state and taxpayers find more effective solutions to disputes? During the panel, we will discuss modern approaches to resolving tax disputes, international experience, the role of dialogue, and the potential for using mediation and other ADR mechanisms in this area. Ukraine is currently also seeking effective models of interaction between business and the state, so the discussion will provide an opportunity to explore the prospects for development in this area.

The panel will feature representatives of the State Tax Service of Ukraine, international experts and representatives from other countries.

MODERATOR:

Nataliia Kovalko, Doctor of Law, Professor, Honoured Lawyer of Ukraine, Business Mediator, Attorney-at-Law, Deputy Chair of the Mediation Committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA), National Expert of International Projects in Ukraine.

SPEAKERS:

Piet De Vos, President of the Tax Conciliation Service (Federal Public Service Finance Belgium).

Chris Furness, Chartered Accountant with 22 years of experience at HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), currently working as a Complex ADR Mediator.

Lindsey Stalley, Senior Manager and Complex ADR Mediator at HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), United Kingdom.

Daria Kosich, Director of the Legal Support Department of the State Tax Service of Ukraine.

Volodymyr Kutsenko, Co-head of the Tax Practice and Senior Inspector at the Business Ombudsman Council, certified mediator.



This will be of interest to business representatives, tax officials, lawyers, mediators, representatives of the Business Ombudsman Council, corporate lawyers and anyone working with business disputes.

SPEAKERS



NATALIIA KOVALKO

Doctor of Sciences in Law, Professor, Professor at the Financial Law Department at the Educational and Scientific Institute of Law of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Honored Lawyer of Ukraine, Member of the Scientific-Advisory Board of the Supreme Court of Ukraine, Attorney-at-law, Mediator, Head of Alternative Dispute Resolution at NJSC "Naftogaz of Ukraine", member of the Interagency Coordination Council on the Development of Alternative Dispute Resolution under the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Deputy Chair of the Ukrainian National Bar Association Committee on Mediation, Founder and Board member of the NGO «Business Mediators Union».



PIET DE VOS

President of the Belgian Tax Conciliation Service since July 2022, an autonomous department within the Federal Public Service Finance Belgium. He is in charge of 40 civil servants (tax specialists) which conciliate on tax disputes between citizens/enterprises and the Belgian federal tax administration. Before 2022, He was in charge of the International tax legislation department (income taxes) within the Federal Public Service Finance Belgium, responsible for the negotiation of double tax treaties and representing Belgium in international tax fora such as the OECD, the EU and the UN.



CHRIS FURNESS

I'm a chartered accountant with 22 years at HMRC, experienced as Compliance Accountant, Large Business Customer Compliance Manager, and currently



LINDSEY STALLEY

Senior Manager and Complex ADR Mediator at HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), United Kingdom.

SPEAKERS



DARIA KOSICH

Director of the Legal Support Department of the State Tax Service of Ukraine.



VOLODYMYR KUTSENKO

Co-head of the Tax Practice and Senior Inspector at the Business Ombudsman Council, certified mediator. He has more than 20 years of experience in corporate, financial, and competition law. At the Business Ombudsman Council, he works with business complaints regarding interactions with public authorities and is a member of the expert group on tax issues.

11:40 - 13:40
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

STRENGTHENING MEDIATION: HOW GLOBAL ETHICAL STANDARDS SUPPORT LOCAL MEDIATION

Ethical standards remain one of the key issues in the development of the mediation profession worldwide. This panel will focus on contemporary international approaches to mediator ethics, current discussions, and the initiatives of the International Mediation Institute in this field. The event will provide an opportunity to discuss complex professional dilemmas, practical challenges, and the role of ethical standards in building trust in mediation.

MODERATORS

Sophie Tkemaladze, Arbitrator and Counsel in arbitration proceedings conducted under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), and the Dispute Resolution Centre (DRC).

Abigél Farkas, Secretary of the Committee on Public Policy and Mediation Ethics.

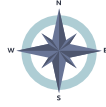
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SPEAKERS:

Lola Akin Ojelabi, Professor at the School of Law, RMIT University, Australia.

Mary Walker, Internationally Recognised ADR Practitioner and Lawyer, awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for Services to the Law

Iryna Dotsenko, Mediator, Lawyer, Trainer at the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, and Board Member of the National Association of Mediators of Ukraine.



This session will be of interest to mediators, trainers, academics, representatives of professional associations, lawyers, and everyone working with professional ethics and standards.

SPEAKERS



SOPHIE TKEMALADZE

Sophie mediates commercial and workplace disputes in Georgia, and is also a mediator for the Asian development bank and European Investment Bank accountability mechanisms. She has worked on policy reforms and delivered workshops on mediation and dispute management to hundreds of judges, lawyers, mediators and managers in Georgia, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Fiji, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Indonesia & Nepal. She was board member of the Mediators Association of Georgia (MAG) and is presently Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Georgian Association of Arbitrators. Sophie is assistant professor at New Vision University and is passionate about teaching students. She was originally certified by Harvard Mediation Program and is presently certified as a mediator by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the MAG.



ABIGÉL FARKAS

Abigél Farkas is a colleague at the International Mediation Institute (IMI) with a background in International and European Law from The Hague, Netherlands. At IMI, she supports the work of the Mediation Public Policy and Ethics Committees. In this capacity, she contributes to key initiatives aimed at influencing policy frameworks, promoting global mediation advocacy, and defining quality benchmarks for the field. She is currently supporting the Second Round of Public Consultations for the IMI Draft Code of Conduct for Mediators, gathering input from mediation professionals around the world so that the Code can provide clear, reasonable, and practical ethical standards for mediators while respecting the diversity of mediation styles and global practices.



LOLA AKIN OJELABI

Research includes appropriate dispute resolution (ADR) and access to justice, ADR ethics, mediator responsibilities, teaching ADR in the law curriculum, cultural appropriateness, and ADR and social justice. Lola is also interested in how shared values may assist in the resolution or management of seemingly intractable conflicts. She is co-author of Ethics and Justice in Mediation (2018), Dispute Resolution in Australia: Cases, Commentary and Materials (2023), Alternative Dispute Resolution (2026) and has authored several journal articles. Lola regularly presents professional development workshops to ADR practitioners in courts, tribunals and ADR panels in various government agencies.

SPEAKERS



IRYNA DOTSENKO

I work in the field of mediation, supervision, and education, integrating practical experience with a reflective and conscious understanding of the nature of human interaction. I am convinced that, together, we can contribute to shaping a culture of dialogue in which every voice can be heard, and conflict is seen as a resource for development, reassessment, and the emergence of new opportunities rather than a force of destruction.



MARY WALKER

Mary Walker OAM Mary has been at the forefront of ADR in Australia for the last 35 years during which, as a member of an independent Bar, she has arbitrated, acted as expert determiner and expert appraiser, provided ombudsman services, mediated, facilitated and negotiated across jurisdictions and substantive legal areas. She is internationally recognised as an ADR practitioner, was Co-chair of the International Bar Association Mediation Committee 2020-2021, a member of the IBA Mediation Committee Advisory Board, Co-chair of the Law Council of Australia International Law Section 2020- 2023, Co-chair of the International Dispute Resolution Committee, and Chair of the Federal Dispute Resolution Section ADR Committee for many years. She has trained hundreds of mediators and ADR practitioners and lectured in many university courses on mediation and published broadly in the area of ADR. She has been awarded the Australian Mediator of the Year Award in 2016, 2017 and 2018 by the Australian Disputes Centre and awarded International Mediator of the Year in 2018 and 2019. Mary was inducted into the Australian ADR Awards Hall of Fame as its inaugural member in 2019. Mary has mediated thousands of matters and is on many international panels including investor-state mediation panels and is certified by the International Mediation Institute as a Mediator and Mediation Advocate. She was originally a member of the IMI Independent Standards Commission and is currently a member of the IMI Ethics Committee and IMI Quality Assurance Committee. Mary is an Australian delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and a member of the Advisory Board of the Hague Court of Arbitration for Aviation and member of the Mediation Committee. In 2017, she was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Dispute Resolution Association (ADRA) for 'Outstanding Contribution to Australian Dispute Resolution' and was later (in 2021) awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for 'Service to the Law' by the Australian Governor-General on the recommendation of Council for the Order of Australia.

17:00 - 18:30
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

AN ECOSYSTEM OF TRUST: MECHANISMS FOR RESOLVING INVESTMENT DISPUTES

A stable investment climate is impossible without effective dispute resolution mechanisms. During the panel discussion, we will discuss the role of arbitration, mediation and other ADR tools in the field of investment disputes, as well as the importance of trust for Ukraine's economic development and post-war recovery. Particular attention will be paid to how modern dispute resolution mechanisms influence a country's investment attractiveness.

MODERATOR:

Nataliia Danylko, PhD in Law, Attorney, Head of the Law Bureau "Danylko and Partners".

17:00 – 18:30
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

SPEAKERS:

Volodymyr Nahnybida, Vice President of the ICAC, Professor, Doctor of Law, Arbitrator, Mediator, and Attorney with over 20 years of experience in cross-border dispute resolution.

Emad Hussein, Independent Arbitrator, Accredited Mediator, Senior Advisor (MENA), SIDRA, Deputy President of the International Court of Arbitration, OIC-AC.

Oleg Shaulko, Partner in the Arbitration Practice at Kennedys in London. Advises on arbitration-related court proceedings and mediation.

Fidana Alieva, Independent International Mediator and Negotiator in cross-border commercial, workplace, and family business disputes, International Trainer for CONSENSUS/IM Campus.

Leah Njoroge, Legal Counsel at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), World Bank Group, specializing in international investment and commercial arbitration.



This will be of interest to investors, lawyers, business representatives, mediators, arbitrators, government bodies, international partners and anyone working in the field of economic development.

SPEAKERS



NATALIIA DANYLKO

Candidate of Law, lawyer, founder and director of LLC "UB "Danylko and Partners", mediator. Since 2005 to the present time, I have been a deputy of the city and regional council. I take an active part in the public and political life of the region. As a mediator and member of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, I contribute to the popularization of mediation in local government bodies. As a member of the commission for considering land disputes in the Odessa City Council, I actively introduce mediation when considering land disputes with the participation of local government bodies.



VOLODYMYR NAHNYBIDA

Vice President of the ICAC at the Ukrainian CCI, Doctor and Professor of Law, arbitrator, mediator and attorney-at-law with more than 20 years of experience in international arbitration and cross-border dispute resolution. Served in over 100 international disputes as presiding arbitrator, sole arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator and ad hoc arbitrator involving companies from the United States, Germany, Poland, Portugal, the United Kingdom, the UAE, China, Türkiye and other jurisdictions. Experienced in international commercial, investment, corporate and financial disputes in the defence industry, metallurgy, agribusiness and commodities trade, technology transfer and intellectual property. Author of more than 130 academic publications in private law, international arbitration, ADR, digital dispute resolution and EU law.

SPEAKERS



EMAD HUSSEIN

Dr. Emad Hussein is an international arbitrator, accredited mediator (CEDR, SIMI, IMI), and academic specialising in international dispute resolution. He serves as Senior Adviser (MENA) at SIDRA and Deputy President of the International Court of Arbitration at OIC-AC.

He is a Listed Mediator on the roster for the CAO, AfDB-IRM and EIB-CM and also empanelled with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the Abu Dhabi Global Market Arbitration Centre (ADGMAC), the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (DIFC Courts), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Centre (WIPO AMC). He has designed and delivered training programs for mediators and conciliators at mediation and reconciliation centres in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, the UAE, Morocco, Egypt, and Iraq.



OLEG SHAULKO

Oleg Shaulko is a partner and the head of the arbitration practice at Kennedys in London. His practice spans sectors including oil and gas, commodities, financial services and digital assets, alongside advising on arbitration-related court proceedings. He also leads the Ukrainian desk at the firm and is a founding member of SPILKA.



FIDANA ALIEVA

Fidana Alieva is an independent international SIMI- and SMC-accredited mediator practicing since 2013, with experience in commercial, workplace, family business, and cross-border disputes. She has mediated over 300 cases online and in-person. She is the Founder of the Centre for Mediation and Negotiation. She has designed mediation frameworks for international arbitration courts and mediation centers and has supported the integration of mediation culture within banking systems and international organisations.

She is an international trainer and mediation coach with International Mediation Campus / CONSENSUS GROUP (Germany), she also regularly serves as mediator and assessor at leading competitions. In 2018, she became the first Weinstein JAMS International Fellow from the Kyrgyz Republic.



LEAH NJOROGE

Leah Njoroge-Kibe is a Legal Counsel at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), part of the World Bank Group. She specializes in international dispute resolution, with a particular focus on investment treaty and commercial arbitration. At ICSID, she serves as tribunal secretary in investment arbitration proceedings involving sovereign states and foreign investors.

Before joining ICSID in 2019, Leah practiced arbitration in Nairobi, Kenya, representing clients in complex commercial, investment, and commodity disputes. She has also been actively involved in international arbitration networks and professional leadership initiatives, serving as a regional representative for LCIA-YIAG and as Africa representative for the Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration.

Leah holds a Master's degree in International Law and Economics from the World Trade Institute (Switzerland) and an LL.B from the University of Nairobi. She is admitted to practice law in Kenya and has been recognized among Africa's most promising young arbitration practitioners.

18:30 - 20:00
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AFTER THE FRONTLINE: VETERANS' STORIES IN MEDIATION

This panel is a space for real-life stories, experiences and dialogue. Veterans and mediators from Ukraine and other countries will share their own perspectives on how mediation and communication skills can assist in the process of adapting to civilian life, in building dialogue and in resolving conflicts. Particular attention will be paid to personal experiences, trust and the search for new roles after service.

MODERATOR:

Jennifer Baublitz, MA/CAGS, is the Executive Director of HomeFront Strong, an adjunct professor at Assumption University, and a career military spouse.

Sharon Tracy, Founder of the non-profit programme 'Quabbin Mediation', volunteer, mediator for veterans' affairs, HomeFront Strong

SPEAKERS:

Liudmyla Meniuk, Veteran, psychologist, and mediator.

Vladyslav Zhuravel, Veteran. Project Manager at the international NGO Razom for Ukraine in the field of humanitarian support for Ukraine's defenders.

Pedro Spivakovsky-Gonzalez, Mediator, Veteran, and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. Former Executive Director of the Community Dispute Settlement Center.

Harvey Weiner, Harvey Weiner is Senior Counsel at Peabody & Arnold in Boston and is a Vietnam War U.S. Army veteran.

Christopher Breedon, RAF Veteran of 40 years. Founder, mediator and trainer at Prospero Mediation and Training.



This will be of interest to veterans, psychologists, mediators, representatives of civil society organisations, social workers, government institutions and anyone working on the topic of reintegration and support for veterans.

SPEAKERS



JENNIFER BAUBLITZ

Jennifer Baublitz is the Executive Director of HomeFront Strong and an adjunct professor at Assumption University. With over 22 years of experience as a military spouse, she provides a vital bridge between academic theory and the reality of military life. Jennifer specializes in developing resilience-building programs for individuals and families, a discipline she champions through both her nonprofit leadership and her work in the classroom.

Her academic background in Education and Resilience for Helping Professionals allows her to translate complex psychological concepts into actionable strategies. Known for her steady leadership and deep community roots, Jennifer brings a multi-faceted perspective to her role as a moderator, fostering impactful conversations that support the well-being of service members and their families worldwide.

SPEAKERS



SHARON TRACY

Sharon Tracy comes from a military family with a history spanning several generations, and is the founder of 'Quabbin Mediation'—a non-profit programme that has been providing services in Western Massachusetts for 35 years.



LIUDMYLA MENIUK

My name is Liudmyla Menyuk — I am a veteran, psychologist, art therapist, and mediator. In my work, I combine practical experience working with military personnel, veterans, and their families with skills in nonviolent communication and conflict resolution. I work with issues of family interaction, post-service adaptation, emotional burnout, and finding solutions in difficult life situations. I am also actively involved in community initiatives and supporting the veteran community.



VLADYSLAV ZHURAVEL

Veteran. Project Manager at the international NGO Razom for Ukraine in the field of humanitarian support for Ukraine's defenders. Coordinates projects focused on communications, energy resilience, and technological support in crisis environments. Works at the intersection of international and cross-cultural teams, government institutions, Ukrainian manufacturers, and defenders. His work focuses on building cooperation between people with different professional, cultural, and management backgrounds, as well as finding solutions and maintaining communication in complex and crisis conditions.



PEDRO SPIVAKOVSKY-GONZALEZ

Mediator, Veteran, and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. Former Executive Director of the Community Dispute Settlement Center.

SPEAKERS



HARVEY WEINER

Harvey Weiner, Esq. is Senior Counsel at Peabody & Arnold, a 127 year old Boston law firm, where he has practiced civil litigation for over 55 years. He received an AB from Harvard College, a JD from Columbia Law School, and an LLM from the London School of Economics. He is a decorated Vietnam War U.S. Army combat veteran and had devoted the last decade of his professional life to advocating pro bono for veterans and servicepersons, including teaching mediation skills to veterans and those who work with veterans. He has participated in hundreds of mediations, representing one of the disputants. For 23 years, he was a trial advisor in the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Course. In 2024, he was inducted into the MLW Massachusetts Lawyers Hall of Fame.



CHRISTOPHER BREEDON

I qualified as a mediator in the RAF about 15 years ago but did a refresher course with UK Mediation. I provided Mediation services to RAF personnel, alongside my other duties. Outside of the RAF I deliver workplace and personal conflict mediation as well as community mediation. I am an associate mediator with several other bodies. I am a Founder member of the Confederation of Independent Dispute Resolution Experts, a body designed to support independent mediators in the profession. I also deliver mediation training and other conflict management training courses to a wide audience. Veterans and serving personnel get heavy discounted services and Training.

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PARTICIPANTS JOINING

10:30 - 12:30
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MEDIATION IN CHILD-RELATED DISPUTES: INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES

How to Hear the Voice of the Child? Disputes involving children require particular sensitivity, professionalism, and an understanding of the best interests of the child. During this panel, we will discuss international standards in the field of child-related mediation, modern approaches to working with parental conflicts, and practical experiences from different countries. Special attention will be given to the role of mediation in reducing conflict and supporting children in difficult family situations.

MODERATOR:

Polina Klykova, Children's rights advocate with an interdisciplinary background in social work and law. Head of the NGO Article 3.

SPEAKERS:

Magdalena Janczuk, Co-CEO of MiKK e.V. – International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction, mediator and cross-border family mediator.

Mercedes Iglesias Plaza, Advice Line Officer and Project Assistant at MiKK, translator and interpreter (Spanish/German/English), certified Cross-Border Family Mediator (CBFM).

Jill Goldson, Mediator, Researcher, and Author, internationally recognised expert in child-inclusive mediation and advancing children's participation in family dispute resolution.

Maria da Conceição Oliveira, Lawyer, Mediator.

Lisa Parkinson, one of the pioneers of family mediation in the United Kingdom, Co-founder of the first Family Mediation Centre in the UK, and Vice-President of the Family Mediators Association.

Larysa Hretchenko, Attorney, Mediator, Chair of the Family Law Committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.



This session will be of interest to mediators, lawyers, judges, psychologists, social workers, educators, and everyone working with children and families.

SPEAKERS



POLINA KLYKOVA

Polina Klykova is a children's rights professional and activist with an interdisciplinary background in social work and law. Since 2013, she has been working to advance the implementation of children's rights in policy and practice. Her professional experience includes legal and policy analysis, programme development, strategic management of civil society organisations, and direct work with children and families.

Her main areas of expertise include access to justice for children, child participation, protection from violence, and children's rights in the digital environment. Polina is the founder of the childrenrights.info initiative and the co-founder and Head of the NGO "Center for Ensuring Chi



МАГДАЛЕНА ЯНЧУК

Магдалена Янчук є співгенеральною директоркою Міжнародного центру медіації у сімейних конфліктах та викраденні дітей МіКК e.V. з 2019 року та працює в організації з 2014 року. Як співкерівниця відповідає за фінансові й організаційні аспекти діяльності МіКК, а також за розвиток кадрового потенціалу. Вона є медіаторкою та транскордонною сімейною медіаторкою, має ступінь магістра у сфері адміністрування та соціальних наук Варшавського технологічного університету.

Брала участь у реалізації низки проєктів Європейського Союзу, зокрема LEPCA II, iCare, ACCORD та AMICABLE, відповідаючи за їх планування, фінансове управління та впровадження.



MERCEDES IGLESIAS PLAZA

Is an Advice Line Officer and Project Assistant at MiKK. She is a translator and interpreter (Spanish, German, English) and a certified Cross-Border Family Mediator (CBFM). Before joining MiKK, she worked at a law firm specializing in international family law. At MiKK, she advises parents and other affected individuals, supports mediation processes, and coordinates Spanish-language projects. She is also actively involved in initiatives supporting the rights of migrant women.



JILL GOLDSON

Is the author of "Child Inclusion in Parenting Dispute Mediation" (2025). She publishes extensively on family justice, and mediation and has presented her work nationally and internationally.

A long-standing practitioner, Jill has contributed significantly to the development of child-inclusive mediation in New Zealand and internationally. Her work focuses on integrating children's rights principles, trauma-informed practice and evidence-based mediation to improve outcomes for children and families experiencing separation and conflict. Her current interests include the implementation of international standards for child participation and the role of child-inclusive dispute resolution in promoting resilience, recovery and family wellbeing in contexts affected by conflict, displacement and social disruption.

SPEAKERS



MARIA DA CONCEIÇÃO OLIVEIRA

In 2007, Maria joined the CEPEJ GT MED, where she was involved in the development of the Mediation Development Toolkit, which supports Member States in strengthening mediation. She currently serves within CEPEJ WG QUAL, where she has contributed to several key CEPEJ instruments, including Promoting mediation to resolve administrative disputes in Council of Europe member States (CEPEJ(2022)11), the Guidelines on online alternative dispute resolution (CEPEJ(2023)19), and, most recently, the Guide on the use of Child Inclusive Mediation in Council of Europe member States (CEPEJ GT QUAL(2025)7). She has also participated in numerous initiatives aimed at promoting and developing mediation under the auspices of the CoE and CEPEJ, working in several member States.



LISA PARKINSON

Family mediator since 1978 (retired), MA University of Oxford, social work qualifications and experience in mental health and family therapy, co-founder of Bristol Courts Family Conciliation Service 1978, co-founder of the Family Mediators Association, England and Wales 1989, author of Family Mediation 5th edition LexisNexis 2025 (7 foreign language editions) and Conversations with Young People in Family Mediation Bloomsbury 2024, co-author, Council of Europe Guide to Child-Inclusive Mediation 2025. National Mediation Association Significant Achievement Award 2022. International trainer in child-inclusive mediation in European countries and Argentina, Canada, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Turkey, Special interest in cultural diversity and inclusivity, children with special needs and mediation with grandparents.



LARYSA HRETCHENKO

Attorney, Mediator, Chair of the Family Law Committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, and expert advisor at the Inter-Agency Coordination Council on Justice for Children (Ministry of Justice of Ukraine).

Lecturer at the Higher School of Advocacy of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, as well as at legal education and rights protection platforms; certified tutor for the Council of Europe's HELP program courses. Co-author and trainer for the project on the specialization of judges in family and children's cases, implemented jointly with the Supreme Court and the National School of Judges of Ukraine. Co-author of research, practical recommendations, and methodological materials on child-friendly justice and children's rights in civil proceedings.

13:00 - 14:30
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

FROM TENSION TO DIALOGUE: PEACEBUILDING TOOLS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

How can we learn to speak and truly hear one another, even in difficult times? This event is посвящено peacebuilding tools, the development of communication skills, conflict transformation, and building a culture of dialogue among young people. Participants will explore practical approaches that help build trust, mutual understanding, and resilience within society.

MODERATOR:

Valentyna Duka, Non-formal Education Trainer for Youth, Youth Worker, Project Coordinator.

SPEAKERS:

Laura Alčiauskaitė, Professional Psychologist and Experienced Youth Trainer Specializing in Human Rights Education, Social Inclusion, and Peacebuilding.



This session will be of interest to young people, students, educators, trainers, youth organizations, mediators, and everyone working in non-formal education and youth development.

SPEAKERS



VALENTYNA DUKA

Non-formal education trainer for young people, youth worker, and project coordinator.



LAURA ALČIAUSKAITĖ

Laura Alčiauskaitė is a professional psychologist, researcher and experienced youth trainer from Lithuania. She has more than ten years of experience in facilitating and delivering inclusive activities based on non-formal education on Human Rights Education, social inclusion, mental health, youth participation and peacebuilding. Laura is one of the trainers SALTO pool of trainers and a director of the local youth NGO "Penktas Kampas" ("The Fifth Corner"), where she designs and delivers inclusive non-formal activities for diverse groups both on local and international level. Laura's approach in her work is rooted in empathy, meaningful participation and creating a safe and brave space for young people.

16:00 - 17:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

5 SUPERPOWERS THAT WILL SAVE THE OCEAN: HOW TO HEAR WHAT TRULY MATTERS

An interactive event for children and young people focused on communication, mindfulness, and caring for the world around us. Through simple and engaging concepts, participants will explore how listening, cooperation, and understanding can help not only people, but also the planet. The event will combine themes of ecology, emotional intelligence, and the culture of dialogue.

MODERATOR:

Mariana Medynska, lawyer, family mediator, restorative justice mediator, and team member of the NGO Union "Ukrainian Academy of Mediation."

SPEAKERS:

Olha Kulinich, Head of the Intellectual Property Academy Department at UANIPIO, Doctor of Law, Associate Professor, Attorney, Mediator.

Mariia Bychkovska, PhD, Attorney-at-Law, Cooperation Coordinator at the WIPO Academy.



This session will be of interest to children, teenagers, parents, educators, mediators, and everyone working with children's and youth initiatives.

SPEAKERS



MARIANA MEDYNSKA

Lawyer, family mediator, restorative justice mediator, and team member of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation.



OLHA KULINICH

Olha Kulinich is a Doctor of Law, Associate Professor, attorney, and Head of the Intellectual Property Academy Department at the Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations (UANIPPO). She specializes in intellectual property, copyright, media law, and emerging technologies. She has extensive experience in academic, educational, and professional activities, including the development of educational programs, training courses, and professional events. Olha coordinates and implements educational and awareness-raising projects for children and youth aimed at fostering creativity, creative thinking, and enhancing legal culture in the field of intellectual property.



MARIIA BYCHKOVSKA

Mariia Bychkovska is an attorney-at-law, PhD, and intellectual property law expert serving as Cooperation Coordinator at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy. She coordinates the establishment and development of national IP training institutions across Eastern Europe and Asia, designing operational models, curricula and trainer development programs. She sees mediation as an everyday working tool as every project begins and holds together through a constant search for balance between different interests. She wants to pass the same principle on to children, believing that education starts with something simple: my idea matters and so does yours.

17:00 - 18:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

WHO AM I? THE ALGORITHM FOR BUILDING A MEDIATOR'S PERSONAL BRAND

A modern mediator is not only a profession, but also trust, reputation, and a way of communicating with the world. During this event, we will discuss how mediators can find their own style, shape their professional identity, and build a personal brand without losing authenticity. We will also explore the role of social media, public communication, and professional visibility.

SPEAKERS:

Andrii Salamatov, Co-owner of the 4Press Creative Agency and GreenDuck Business Intelligence, Business Development Director, Out-of-the-box Thinking Trainer, Psychotherapist.

Kateryna Vershynina, CEO and Founder of Green Duck Research Agency, Specialist at the intersection of Learning Design, Customer Education, and Customer Experience.



This session will be of interest to mediators, trainers, lawyers, students, communication specialists, and everyone developing their own professional practice.

SPEAKERS



ANDRII SALAMATOV

Experience since 2014. Over 500 projects with international and national brands. Key areas: research, strategic marketing, branding, communications, and team training. Client portfolio includes Monobank, Binotel, and Avrora. Accredited Consultant with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Executive lecturing experience within MBA programs.



KATERYNA VERSHYNINA

Specialist in qualitative research, customer experience analytics, and user research, with over 20 years of experience in data collection, conducting in-depth interviews, and transforming unstructured insights into product decisions.

I have practical experience working with startups, including Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine, Vacuum, and Unit School of Business, as well as an understanding of the specifics of developing and promoting new products and services across different markets. I specialize in identifying user needs, designing complex usage scenarios through CJM and JTBD, and analyzing market trends.

Core competencies: development of marketing strategies, user and UX research, design of complex user scenarios and products.

18:00 - 18:40
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST "OCEAN OF UNDERSTANDING AND KINDNESS"

A warm and creative event dedicated to children's vision of kindness, understanding, and peace. During the event, the winners of the international children's drawing contest "Ocean of Understanding and Kindness" will be announced, and artworks from participants across Ukraine and different parts of the world will be presented. A special part of the event will be the presentation of a song about mediation.

MODERATOR:

Iryna Balan, mediator (DAA), lawyer, patent attorney of Ukraine, and coordinator of the court-connected mediation project of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation.

COMPETITION JURY MEMBERS:

Volodymyr Kravchuk, Judge of the Supreme Court, Author of the All-Ukrainian Legal Education Initiative "Spravedlyvtsi".

Anastasiia Dudko, PhD, Police Captain, Chief Inspector of the Service Organization Department of the Educational Security Service Directorate of the National Police of Ukraine, Lecturer at the Department of Administrative and Legal Disciplines of the Educational and Scientific Institute of Law and Psychology of the National Academy of Internal Affairs.

Nataliia Munika, Head of the Audit Department of the Southern Interregional Directorate of the State Tax Service for Work with Large Taxpayers.

Kateryna Vershynina, CEO and Founder of Green Duck Research Agency, Specialist at the intersection of Learning Design, Customer Education, and Customer Experience.

Serhii Bozhko, Contemporary Ukrainian Artist, Head of the "Shtrykh" Drawing and Painting Studio, Curator of Art Projects, Lecturer.

Olena Fomina, Art Director at the 4Press Creative Agency, Graphic Designer, Lecturer, Researcher, Managing Partner of the 4Press Creative Agency and GreenDuck Research Agency.

Kseniia Fursova, Co-founder and CMO of 1DEA.me/CARTONIC, Entrepreneur, Co-founder of the CARTONIC 3D Puzzle Brand.



This session will be of interest to children, parents, educators, mediators, forum partners, and everyone who believes in the power of creativity and mediation.

COMPETITION JURY MEMBERS



IRYNA BALAN

Iryna Balan is a mediator (DAA), lawyer, patent attorney of Ukraine, and coordinator of the court-connected mediation project of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation. She is an expert of the project "CONSENT: Enhancing the Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Ukraine with a Focus on Mediation," implemented by the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation with the financial support of the European Union.

She conducts mediations and provides consultations at mediation offices operating within the courts of Odesa. She is a co-author of training programmes for basic mediator training and family mediator training. Iryna is also a co-author of the children's book series "The Amazing Adventures of Rotai and Dema" and the educational game "Master of Communication" for children and teenagers. Her work combines mediation practice, educational initiatives, and the promotion of a culture of peaceful dispute resolution.



VOLODYMYR KRAVCHUK

Volodymyr Kravchuk is a judge of the Cassation Administrative Court of the Supreme Court (since November 2017), Doctor of Law and Professor.

He was a member of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, and was also a member of the governing bodies of the Association for the Development of Judicial Self-Government of Ukraine and the Association of Lawyers of Ukraine.

The author of the All-Ukrainian legal educational movement "Justice", within which Lessons of Justice and Reconciliation are held, the author of the world's first verse "Constitution for All: Both Great and Small" and the anti-corruption poem "Your Excellency, Mykyta the Fox".

COMPETITION JURY MEMBERS



ANASTASIIA DUDKO

PhD, Police Captain, Chief Inspector of the Service Organization Department of the Educational Security Service Directorate of the National Police of Ukraine, Lecturer at the Department of Administrative and Legal Disciplines of the Educational and Scientific Institute of Law and Psychology of the National Academy of Internal Affairs.



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KSENIIA FURSOVA

Co-founder and CMO of 1DEA.me/CARTONIC, Entrepreneur, Co-founder of the CARTONIC 3D Puzzle Brand.

18:40 - 19:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

MEDIATION THROUGH THE LANGUAGE OF CREATIVITY: WHEN ART EXPLAINS WHAT WORDS CANNOT

Mediation is usually explained through definitions, principles, and procedures. Yet sometimes creativity can convey its true essence far better than professional terminology.

During this special session, we will explore how music, art, and creativity can help tell the story of mediation in a simple and accessible way. The event will feature the presentation of an original song about mediation, followed by a conversation with its author. The creator of the Forum's promotional video will also share the story behind its production. During the session, the launch of the All-Ukrainian Creative Competition "Mediation Through the Language of Creativity", dedicated to the 5th anniversary of the Law of Ukraine "On Mediation", will be officially announced. We invite everyone who believes that art can not only inspire but also help people better understand one another.

PARTICIPANTS:

Anastaiya Dotsenko, Media Designer and Public Activist.

Serge Polsky, Founder of the PolskyBand Music Project, DJ, Musician, Software Engineer, Volunteer.



This session will be of interest to children, parents, educators, mediators, forum partners, and everyone who believes in the power of creativity and mediation.

PARTICIPANTS



SERGE POLSKY

Is the founder and frontman of the PolskyBand music project, a DJ, musician, and digital content creator. With a background in software engineering, he successfully combines creativity with modern technologies and digital development. Beyond music, volunteering is an important part of his life: he actively supports Ukrainian defenders and creates patriotic content. His core life credo is a sincere belief that good will always prevail over evil.

19:00 - 20:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

THE POWER OF THE PAUSE: OVERWHELM, COMPASSION FATIGUE, AND THE HIDDEN COST OF CARING

People in helping professions often support others while overlooking their own exhaustion. During this panel, we will discuss emotional overload, the fatigue that comes from constant caregiving, and the importance of restoring one's inner resources. This will be a space for an honest conversation about balance, boundaries, and self-care in professions that involve working daily with human pain and conflict.

SPEAKER:

Dr. Lori Leyden, Global Expert in Trauma Healing and Humanitarian Leadership; Mentor in Resilience, Trust, and Transformational Presence.



This session will be of interest to mediators, psychologists, lawyers, social workers, volunteers, educators, veterans, and all representatives of helping professions.

SPEAKER



LORI LEYDEN

Dr. Lori Leyden is an internationally recognized trauma healing expert, humanitarian leader, and recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Energy Psychology award. With decades of experience supporting survivors of genocide, mass trauma, and personal loss, she blends clinical expertise, spiritual depth, and embodied presence to serve professionals in high-stakes, high-stress roles. As the creator of the Embodying Grace HeartMap and the Mastering Therapeutic Presence Certification, Dr. Leyden teaches practitioners how to access inner regulation, resilience, and trust—supporting both those they serve and their own well-being. Her work fosters the kind of therapeutic presence that reduces reactivity, defuses conflict, and invites meaningful resolution.

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11:50 - 12:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

PARTICIPANTS JOINING

12:00 - 14:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

“LESSONS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE”: FROM IDEA TO PRACTICE. OPEN LESSON

How can we talk to children about justice, conflict, courts, and mediation in a way that is both understandable and engaging? During this event, participants will learn about the “Lessons of Peace and Justice” initiative, which is being implemented in Ukraine with the involvement of judges, mediators, Educational Safety Service inspectors, lawyers, and educators. In the second half of the event, an open lesson will be conducted, so we kindly ask adults to make a little space for children to take part in the Forum as well.

SPEAKERS:

Zaryana Peka, Attorney, Mediator, Participant of the "Lessons of Peace and Justice" Project.

Volodymyr Kravchuk, Judge of the Supreme Court, Author of the All-Ukrainian Legal Education Initiatives "Spravedlyvtsi" and "Constitution for All".

Yuliia Ivanina, Retired Judge, Attorney, Head of the All-Ukrainian Initiative "Lesson of Justice", Expert in Legal Education.

Luiza Romanadze, Team Leader of the EU Project "CONSENT", President of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation.

Svitlana Shpotia, Head of the Educational Security Service Sector of the Bila Tserkva District Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Kyiv Region, Member of the National Association of Mediators of Ukraine



This session will be of interest to educators, mediators, judges, lawyers, psychologists, parents, students, and everyone working with children and young people. The second half of the event will also be engaging for children of all ages.

SPEAKERS



ZARIANA PEKA

Lawyer, mediator. Participant of the project "Lessons of Peace and Justice". More than 35 lessons were held in educational institutions of the city of Kamianske, Dnipropetrovsk region among students and teachers, in which more than 2,200 people from grades 1-11 participated.

SPEAKERS



VOLODYMYR KRAVCHUK

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YULIIA IVANINA

Is a retired judge, attorney, PhD in Law, member of the Association for the Development of Judicial Self-Government of Ukraine, and Head of the All-Ukrainian "Lesson of Justice" initiative. She has been involved in the project since its inception and has actively contributed to its development for many years. Throughout this time, she has conducted numerous educational lessons for children and young people, promoting legal awareness, respect for human rights, justice, and civic responsibility. Today, she supports the development of the renewed "Lessons of Peace and Justice" format, which brings together judges, mediators, lawyers, and educators to foster a culture of dialogue, mutual understanding, and peaceful conflict resolution among younger generations.



LUIZA ROMANADZE

Mediator, lawyer, trainer, PhD, associate professor, and Honoured Lawyer of Ukraine. President of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation and Team Leader of the EU Project "CONSENT". Chair of the Mediation Committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association.

Co-founder and Honorary Member of the National Association of Mediators of Ukraine. Founder and Head of the Negotiation and Mediation Club at the University of Southampton (United Kingdom).

Co-author of the Law of Ukraine "On Mediation", the Code of Professional Ethics for Mediators, the Basic Principles of Training in Core Mediation Skills, and the Basic Principles of Training in Family Mediation Skills. Member of parliamentary and governmental working groups.



SVITLANA SHPOTIA

Chief of the "Educational Safety Service" Sector of the Bila Tserkva District Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Kyiv Oblast, Certified Mediator, Member of the Public Organization "National Association of Mediators of Ukraine", Ukraine.

14:00 - 17:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

“WAVE OF HAPPINESS” NEUROGRAPHIC ART WORKSHOP

A creative and restorative space for recovery, self-expression, and inner balance. During the workshop, participants will explore the technique of neurographic art, where creativity helps form new neural connections. The event will combine elements of art practice, emotional release, and mindful self-awareness.

SPEAKERS:

Ganna Baryshnykova, Existential Psychologist, Mediator, Author and Trainer of Educational Programmes, Member of the Board of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation.

Iryna Suchilova, Mediator (DAA), Trainer, Psychologist in the WAPP Positive Psychotherapy Method, Expert of the EU Project "CONSENT" of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation.



This session will be of interest to mediators, psychologists, educators, parents, young people, and everyone looking for tools for emotional recovery and creative self-support.

SPEAKERS



GANNA BARYSHNYKOVA

Mediator, trainer, psychologist, lawyer, game practitioner and game technician, board member of the NGO "Ukrainian Academy of Mediation", associate member of the Ukrainian Association of Existential Counseling and Therapy, associate member of the Federation of Existential Therapy in Europe.



IRYNA SUCHILOVA

Practicing attorney-mediator, certified trainer of programs for adults, incl. for mediators, a practical psychologist (studying the method of positive psychotherapy), a valid member of several leading organizations in the field of mediation: he is part of the team of trainers of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, the NGO "Association of Family Mediators of Ukraine", the coordinator of professional support of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, expert of the EU project "CONSENT". I love my job, because mediation is an incredible experience that changed my worldview. In addition to mediation, I am interested in art therapy, neuropainting, and pysankaart, and I spend my free time with my family.

17:30 - 19:00
(Kyiv, GMT+3)

INTERPRETED MEDIATIONS: WHAT INTERPRETERS AND MEDIATORS NEED TO KNOW

During this panel, we will discuss the specific features of interpreted mediations, the interaction between mediators and interpreters, ethical issues, the challenges of multilingual communication, and international experience in this field. Special attention will be given to the role of interpreters in maintaining the quality of dialogue and mutual understanding between the parties.

MODERATOR:

Ganna Gvozd, Mediator in labour, family, and cross-border disputes, member of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, mediation skills coach, and volunteer British Red Cross.

SPEAKERS:

Barrie J. Roberts, Attorney, Former Court ADR Director, Founder of English for Dispute Resolution, Co-founder of InterpretADR, and Author.

Maria Ceballos-Wallis, United States Federally Certified Court Interpreter, Full-Time Spanish-English Interpreter, and Language Access Specialist.



This session will be of interest to interpreters, mediators, lawyers, international organizations, trainers, students, and everyone working in intercultural and multilingual communication.

SPEAKERS



GANNA GVOZD

Mediator in labour and family disputes, including cross-border family disputes with the support of the MIKK, member of the Ukrainian Academy of Mediation, mediation skills coach, and British Red Cross volunteer with experience in dialogue facilitation and refugee support.

SPEAKERS



BARRIE J ROBERTS

Barrie has a JD, an LLM in Dispute Resolution, and an MA in Teaching English as Second Language (TESOL). She has worked as a public interest attorney, as the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) director for two California courts, and as an ESL instructor. She has over 20 years of experience teaching mediation courses for international students at the University of California, Berkeley, and she has taught negotiation courses for international LLM students at the Chapman University Fowler School of Law in southern California. She created English for Dispute Resolution (EDR), which is Legal English that focuses on ADR, and she recently had the pleasure and honor of teaching two “Mediation in English” courses with the UAM. She is a co-founder of InterpretADR, providing online and in-person ADR training for interpreters. And she is the author of three EDR books which are described on her website: www.learn-edr.com



MARIA CEBALLOS-WALLIS

Maria Ceballos-Wallis is a United States Federally Certified Court Interpreter and full-time Spanish-English interpreter in U.S. District Court, with extensive experience in state, federal, immigration, and mediation settings. A state of Georgia-registered civil and domestic mediator, she is also co-founder of InterpretADR with Barrie J. Roberts, where she trains interpreters and mediators to work more effectively in multilingual dispute-resolution settings. She has trained interpreters for more than a decade, including through online instruction with the De La Mora Institute since 2014. Her background includes language-access advocacy, podcast hosting, and prior work as a multilingual communications professional and television/documentary producer.
