

ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Program

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

In this workshop students will study the concepts and practices of environmental dispute resolution. Three kinds of issues will be explored: energy problems; natural resources conflicts; and public health challenges.

Workshop participants will learn about the unique characteristics that distinguish environmental disputes from other conflicts, the history of mediation efforts, and the interplay of adjudicative, administrative and consensual mechanisms for resolving environmental problems.

The Workshop will cover a specific "logic model" that can be used for assessing, convening, and mediating a range of issues. It will also examine the different roles, functions and responsibilities of local and federal government, industry and business, and the not-for-profit advocacy community.

Disputes over energy, natural resources and public health are on the increase. Litigation and political action are useful but insufficient. We now live in an era where no one intellectual discipline can fully explain these problems, no one sector has the power to force solutions, and no single group can deal with them alone.

These kinds of problems desperately require new cross-sector conversations that constructively engage business, government and community leaders.

This course will offer a variety of convening, brokering and mediation strategies that, at the right time and in the right way, help people create cooperative solutions.

LOCATION AND DATE 2009

Brisbane	26-28 August
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TIME

From 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

COST

Professional development participants: \$1600 includes GST.

We offer a discount for a minimum group of three from the same organisation.

Postgraduate students please go to: <http://www.uq.edu.au/acpacs/academic-programs>

MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM

The Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (ACPACS) presents a range of innovative courses in Mediation, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in Melbourne and Brisbane. Our workshops are designed to meet the needs of people with no prior experience in conflict resolution, as well as experienced practitioners seeking advanced skills and specialisation.

Presented by world class trainers, each ACPACS workshop is self-contained, and includes all the materials and resources required. By ensuring a flexible format, workshops provide participants with great learning choices.

Completion of ACPACS workshops may lead to postgraduate qualifications in a:

- Graduate Certificate of Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Graduate Diploma of Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Master of Mediation and Conflict Resolution

Our courses may also provide credit towards other degrees and CPD points for a number of professional organisations.



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PRESENTER PETER ADLER

Peter S. Adler, Ph.D. is President of The Keystone Center which builds applied, consensus-based policy solutions to science-intensive energy, environmental and public health-related policy problems.

Adler's specialty is multi-party problem solving. He has extensive experience with water, land use and business negotiations, mediates, writes, trains and teaches in diverse areas of conflict resolution, and has been a frequent visitor to Australia.

Prior to his appointment at Keystone, Adler held executive positions with the Hawaii Justice Foundation, the Hawaii Supreme Court, and the Neighborhood Justice Centre.

He served as President of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution and has authored numerous publications in the field of conflict management, among them, "Shadows of the Future: Anticipating What Happens Before It Happens or A Primer on Identifying Problems and Tools to Address Them", with Jeremy Kranowitz, National Energy Technology Lab, U.S. Department of Energy, 2005; "Building Trust: Twenty Things You Can Do to Help Environmental Stakeholder Groups Talk More Effectively About Science, Culture, Professional Knowledge and Community Wisdom", with Juliana Birkhoff, National Policy Consensus Center, Portland State University, 2003; and 'Beyond Paradise', Oxbow Press, 1993.

"Peter Adler understands the crazy, messy, inspiring process that is democracy. It is ego, wisdom, leadership, vision and chaos together that define politics and the seeking of solutions. Adler's insights into all of these are exceptional."

The Honorable Christine M. Scanlan – Colorado House of Representatives

KEY BENEFITS

Participants will learn:

- the unique characteristics and dynamics of "public" controversies and why normal mediation and facilitation strategies don't work.
- how to analyze, design, and convene meditative processes for complex multiparty controversies over energy, natural resources, and health issues.
- strategies for gauging different levels of conflict and tailoring appropriate responses.
- the use of "logic models," conflict cartography, and other conflict resolution tools.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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