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Scientific Coordinator:
Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves

Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves is an international mediator, executive coach, and organizational conflict systems designer, with over 30 years of experience in negotiation and ADR. A certified mediator by IMI, ADRg, and ICFML, Ana is a founding member of ICFML, pedagogical coordinator at the Catholic University of Portugal, and a member of the UN Global Mediation Panel. Her work spans complex commercial and workplace disputes, supporting both internal and external stakeholders across industries. Passionate about human-centered innovation, Ana facilitates executive and team development, promoting psychological safety and inclusive conflict resolution cultures. She also serves on the boards of WIAL and ICODR, and co-founded the Alliance of Mediators for Universal Disclosure, advocating globally for ethical mediation practices.



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Monday – Setting the Stage for Global Dialogue

Keynote Opening: Mediating with Consensus Building

An inspiring reflection on the core purpose of mediation, emphasizing its role in building lasting understanding and transforming relationships in conflict settings.



Sukhsimranjit Singh

Distinguished mediator specializing in commercial, cross-border, cultural, and public policy disputes. Passionate about integrating modern theory, ancient wisdom, science, and technology to resolve complex conflicts.

Award-winning educator and trainer, having coached over 5,000 professionals across 55 countries. Recognized for impactful keynotes, seminars, and leadership programs.

Visionary in conflict resolution and change management, committed to innovation, diversity, and nurturing future peacemakers.

Negotiation Theory and Practice

A dynamic dive into negotiation foundations. Discover proven models and practical tools to sharpen your approach in any situation.



Manon Schonewille

Manon Schonewille is an internationally acclaimed business mediator, negotiator and author of the bestselling book 'Toolkit Mediation' with over 25 years of experience. Her mission is to redefine conflict resolution by empowering jurists and a new generation of mediators to skilfully guide others in managing and preventing conflicts. Rather than fixating solely on the content of the conflict and its legal aspects, her approach revolves around respecting the People, the Problem and the Process. Next to her practice as a mediator and negotiator, she founded The Academy of Legal Mediation and Mundi Mediators. Throughout five continents she taught the advanced use of mediation, mediation advocacy, negotiation and influencing techniques. Manon is specialised in contract law disputes, business issues, employment disputes, and collaboration issues, including processes involving parties from several countries or cultures.

AI & Mediation

An exploration of how artificial intelligence is impacting mediation, focusing on its practical applications, opportunities, and the ethical challenges it presents. A must for anyone curious about law, tech, and the ethical crossroads between them.



Nicolas Vermeys

A Canadian legal scholar and Faculty of Law, University of Montreal Director of the Public Law Research Center (CRDP) Deputy Director, Cyberjustice Laboratory, Nicolas is an expert in law and technology, focusing on AI and online dispute resolution.

EVENING: CITY TOUR WITH JULIA AND MATILDE

GET TO KNOW PORTO THROUGH THE EYES OF LOCALS! CULTURE, FUN, AND GREAT PHOTO OPS INCLUDED.

Tuesday – Skills in Action

Negotiation Practice

Put theory into practice in these hands-on sessions. Learn by doing with international mentors guiding every step.



**Leandro
Rennó**

Law Professor at PUC Minas, Leandro Rennó is arbitrator, mediator and lawyer in mediation and arbitration.

& Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves

Online Dispute Resolution

Discover how tech is reshaping justice. Gain a glimpse into the platforms, challenges, and exciting future of online dispute resolution.



**Cátia
Marques
Cebola**

Assistant Professor at Polytechnic of Leiria, Portugal, Ph.D. in Mediation (University of Salamanca) | Master's in Civil Law (University of Coimbra)

Certified Mediator | Harvard Mediation Program alumna

Author and researcher in mediation and arbitration

International Academic coordinator of ICFML.



**Daniel
Rainey**

Principal at Holistic Solutions, Inc. | Adjunct Faculty in Dispute Resolution (US & Europe)

Fellow, National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution

Board Member, InternetBar.Org | Founding Member, International Council for Online Dispute Resolution

Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Online Dispute Resolution

Recipient of the Mary Parker Follett Award for Innovation in Dispute Resolution

Governing Artificial Intelligence

Dig deeper into AI governance and its role in mediation, law, and society. Think globally, act ethically.



Chris Draper

Board Chair SagentAI, Director at Trokt, Indiana University Bloomington. Based in the U.S., Chris is an expert in AI governance, legal innovation, and risk analysis, and co-author of influential works on the intersection of technology and dispute resolution.



**Humberto
Dalla**

A Full Professor of Civil Procedure at UERJ, Estácio, and IBMEC. A former public prosecutor and now a judge at the Rio de Janeiro Court of Appeals. Editor of the Electronic Journal of Procedural Law (REDP). Humberto is a key voice in mediation law development and procedural justice in Latin America.

& Cátia Marques Cebola & Daniel Rainey

Tuesday – Skills in Action

Insolvency Mediation Workshop

See how mediation works in high-stakes financial disputes. Learn strategies used by professionals in real-world cases.



Juliana Loss

Juliana Loss de Andrade is a Executive Director of Fundação Getulio Vargas Mediation and Arbitration Chamber. Technical Coordinator of FGV Mediation. Doctor in Law from Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbone and from Universidad Carlos III of Madrid



Carlos Vieira

Carlos Vieira is Executive Director for Executive Education at Católica Porto Business School. Skilled in Business Process, Marketing Management, Negotiation, Budgeting, and Business Planning is specialist and invited Professor in several Higher Education Institutions

& Cátia Marques Cebola

The Mediator's Role in Shaping Understanding and Agreement

Step into the shoes of a mediator and discover how they turn conflict into connection. This interactive session explores how mediators guide dialogue, build trust, and help parties reach lasting agreements.



Ursula Caser

Facilitator and Conflict Mediator, Training, Coaching and Consulting who works with different Universities in Germany and Portugal

& Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves

Opening Mediation Windows in arbitration and judicial proceedings

Mediation windows offer structured pauses within arbitration or court proceedings to explore settlement without halting the case. Often initiated after key procedural steps, they provide parties with a chance to resolve disputes more efficiently and collaboratively. Their effectiveness depends on timing, party willingness, and procedural support. With proper planning, experienced mediators, and clear safeguards, mediation windows can enhance flexibility, reduce costs, and complement formal dispute resolution.



Liana Gorberg Valdetaro

Vice-Presidente do CBMA Resolução de disputas: advogada, mediadora e árbitra

Liana is Vice President of the CBMA – Centro Brasileiro de Mediação e Arbitragem, where she has also served as Director of Mediation. With over a decade of experience in dispute resolution, she has played a key role in promoting mediation and arbitration in Brazil. She is also vice president for international projects of the ICFML Brazil Chapter and a longstanding member of the Mediation and Arbitration Commissions of the Brazilian Bar Association (OAB/RJ).

Previously a partner in Strategic Conflict Resolution at FM/Derraik, she has extensive experience in judicial proceedings and alternative dispute resolution. She served as Co-Chair of the Mediation Task Force of the ICC Brazil Arbitration and Mediation Commission and continues to be an active voice in shaping the ADR landscape in Brazil.

Wednesday – Mastering Mediation

Multi-door Dispute Resolution

An introduction to the concept of offering multiple pathways for resolving disputes, tailored to the specific needs of each case.



Jonathan Rodrigues

A mediator and founder of India's Peacekeeping and Conflict Resolution Team (PACT), Jonathan promotes youth mediation and international collaboration.

Why Mediation is Developing Rapidly in Hong Kong?

A look into Hong Kong's success story with mediation, highlighting legal, cultural, and systemic enablers. From Portugal to Hong Kong—see how different systems apply mediation creatively and effectively.



Ting-kwok (TK) Lu, MH

TK Lu is an adjunct professor at HKU, City University of Hong Kong, and Hang Seng University. He is the first Hong Kong-based Visiting Professor at the University of Law (UK). He is a leading Hong Kong-based mediator, law professor, and advisor. He helped draft the Apology Ordinance and received the Medal of Honour in 2017. TK is ranked among top mediators by Doyle's Guide and Lexology, and co-authored key mediation texts in Hong Kong.

Mediation Process & Techniques

Walk through the full mediation journey. This session outlines the phases of mediation, helping participants understand the mediator's role and the structured journey of the process.



Mariana Freitas de Souza

Lawyer and Partner at PVS Advogados
| President, CBMA

ICFML Board Member | IMI Certified Mediator | JAMS Weinstein Fellow
Master's in ADR, Tulane University | UERJ Graduate

Professor in negotiation, mediation, and dispute resolution for over 20 years

& Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves



Franco Gevaerd

Associate at Gevaerd & Associados and LL.M. graduate from Pepperdine University in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution. Former mediator in Los Angeles Superior Courts and consultant at CPR. Passed the New York Bar. PUC PR university professor.



Wednesday – Mastering Mediation

Practice of Active Listening

Discover why listening is a superpower in mediation, negotiation—and life.



**Marília
Telles**

Consensual Dispute Resolution Professional Collaborative Lawyer & Mediator and Specialist in Family and Succession Law



Sandra Bayer

IBEMEC professor | Collaborative lawyer | mediator. Collaborative lawyer, mediator. Is a founder partner at Instituto D'accord and acts as a member of different national institutional groups for the development on Conflict Mediation in Brazil

Ways to Solve Disputes

Compare mediation, arbitration, and litigation to understand what works best—and when.



**Adolfo
Braga
Neto**

One of Brazil's foremost mediation pioneers, Adolfo is a professor, writer, and the president of IMAB, committed to expanding access to mediation across sectors.



Diego Faleck

Diego Falek is Partner/founder at Faleck & Associados, the first dispute resolution firm fully specialized in mediation and settlement counsel in Brazil. LL.M degree at Harvard Law School and Phd from the University of São Paulo. He's also Adjunct Professor on Advanced Topics in Dispute Resolutions at the Straus Institute at Pepperdine Law School – Malibu, CA.

& Cátia Marques Cebola

EVENING: VISIT TO PORTO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EXPLORE ONE OF PORTO'S MOST ICONIC INSTITUTIONS AND UNDERSTAND HOW BUSINESS AND MEDIATION CONNECT ON A GLOBAL SCALE.



Thursday – Navigating Complexity

To Negotiate, Mediate or Litigate? Examining the Durability of Divorce Outcomes in the Singapore Family Courts

Learn from Singapore's model how different resolution paths (negotiation, mediation, or litigation) affect long-term outcomes in sensitive cases like divorce.



Dorcas Quek Andersen

Associate Professor, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University

Former District Judge | Practising Mediator

Research focuses on dispute resolution and access to justice

Published in Civil Justice Quarterly and Harvard Negotiation Law Review

Mediator with SIMC, SMC, ADB & UN Ombudsman

Fellow, National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution



Eunice Chua

CEO, Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre (FIDReC), Singapore

Leads mediation and adjudication of consumer financial disputes
Former Assistant Professor at Singapore Management University
Research Fellow, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy

Former Justices' Law Clerk and Assistant Registrar, Supreme Court of Singapore

Founding Deputy CEO, Singapore International Mediation Centre.

Mediation and Arbitration how to combine? Mediation windows

Find out how these two systems can complement each other to create more effective and efficient resolutions.



Mariana Soares David

Partner at Morais Leitão | Litigation & Arbitration
Mariana focuses on complex, multi-party disputes, particularly in the product value chain, ESG liability, and consumer law. Her legal work is frequently cited in Portuguese case law.

Certified mediator and mediation master advocate by ICFML, and accredited by the International Mediation Institute and the Portuguese Ministry of Justice.

She serves on several ADR bodies, and promotes public legal education with Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos.



Filipa Cansado Carvalho

Of Counsel in Arbitration with 20 years of experience, Filipa has acted as both lawyer and arbitrator in over 30 international and domestic cases. Her work spans Europe, Africa, and Latin America across sectors like construction, transport, and finance. She holds leadership roles in several arbitration institutions and regularly teaches and speaks on arbitration worldwide.



Renata Valenti

Renata Valenti is dual qualified lawyer in Portugal and Angola. Founding partner of PLMJ Colab Angola – RVA Advogados. Coming from an international family and with a teaching background at Angolan universities, she gained relevant experience in multicultural relationships.

Thursday – Navigating Complexity

Mediation Deep Dive

Spend the day building your mediation skills—from mindset to advanced techniques. The morning covers core principles and the mediator's role in guiding dialogue. In the afternoon, apply practical tools to handle impasses, emotions, and communication blocks. Whether you're just beginning or looking to enhance your skills, this immersive experience offers a comprehensive path to becoming a more confident, capable mediator.



Catherine Davidson

Catherine Davidson is Mediator practicing in Australia and internationally. Certified by the International Mediation Institute (IMI) and Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI), lectures on Negotiation Skills in the Advanced and Executive MBA programs of University of Technology Sydney and Negotiation and Conflict Management in Australia, India, China and South East-Asia.

& Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves

EVENING: VISIT TO FUNDAÇÃO SERRALVES FOLLOWED BY A “GASTRO-DIPLOMACY” DINNER WITH PROFESSOR AZEREDO LOPES

EXPERIENCE PORTO'S ART AND CULINARY DIPLOMACY IN ONE UNFORGETTABLE EVENING.



Friday – Advocacy & Reflection

Mediation Advocacy: Bases and Theory

Gain a deeper understanding of the lawyer's role in mediation and how to support clients with empathy and strategic insight. This session offers an in-depth exploration of how legal representatives can operate within a non-adversarial framework—guiding clients through the mediation process while promoting resolution, empowerment, and constructive outcomes.



Jonathan Lloyd-Jones

A UK-based mediation advocate and solicitor, Jonathan focuses on equipping lawyers to act effectively in mediation settings and legal negotiations.

Mediation Advocacy Workshop: Sit Down and Prepare with Your Client

Work alongside experts in this interactive workshop to prepare for mediation with a client—focusing on strategy, communication, and trust-building. Participants will be guided through practical steps to help clients feel informed and empowered, with special attention on aligning mediation strategy and establishing a foundation of trust for successful outcomes.



Jonathan Lloyd-Jones



Catherine Davidson



Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves

Lawyers in Mediation: Ensuring Just, Fair, and Sustainable Outcomes

Explore how lawyers enhance the mediation process—bringing legal rigor, fostering constructive dialogue, and contributing to outcomes that are just, fair, and sustainable. This discussion highlights the essential value legal professionals add to mediation, ensuring that resolutions are not only effective but also enforceable and equitable.



António Júdice

António Júdice Moreira is a senior lawyer in Dispute Resolution with around 15 years of experience focused on litigation, arbitration, and mediation. Certified Mediator by the ICFML has an LL.M in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University – Law Center in Washington



Marcelo Perlman

Marcelo Perlman, founder at Perlman Mediation and Legal Strategies is a commercial mediator established in SP-Brazil. Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators and included in the Panel of Distinguished Neutrals of CPR-NY



Miguel Macedo P. Silva

Senior Associate at Cuatrecasas. A specialized in judicial and extra-judicial conflict resolution and has been involved in civil and commercial litigation, specifically, national, and international arbitration and mediation

Friday – Advocacy & Reflection

Competing with Purpose: How Mediation Tournaments Shape Future Professionals

Learn how mediation tournaments sharpen essential professional skills—and why they're more than just competitions. This session explores the transformative impact of mediation competitions in developing collaboration, critical thinking, and ethical judgment. Discover how these experiences prepare participants for real-world challenges in legal and conflict-resolution settings.



Rissiane Goulart

LLM in International Law/USA, International Commercial Attorney (Goulart & Associados), Negotiator & Mediator (CNJ - Brazil), Distinguished Neutral at CPR (NY), Deputy VP of CCAMI, Mediation Director at CMAA, Co-founder of Brazilian Mediation Day, Paris, Secretary-General of the National Mediation Committee (OAB), President of the Brazilian BAR for Mediation Committee for SC state, Senior Advisor at CCAMI, Author & Professor, First Brazilian author of the final case for the 20th ICC Mediation Competition.

Mapping the Week with a Negotiation Map—Pulling it Together

Wrap up the learning with a visual map of your negotiation journey from one of the field's most respected voices.



Hal Abramson

A full-time professor at Touro Law Center, New York, where he has taught, trained, arbitrated, mediated, and published articles and books on negotiation, mediation, mediation advocacy and intercultural and international disputes for more than 30 years.

Ethics in Mediation

A deep and honest conversation about neutrality, power, and the responsibilities mediators carry.



Ellen Waldman

Ellen Waldman is Vice President of Advocacy and Educational Outreach at the Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), responsible for initiatives involving dispute prevention, diversity in the professional neutral field, mediation and education



Saturday – Celebrate Growth

Mediation Clinics

Simulate real cases with expert feedback in breakout rooms. Practice, grow, and gain valuable insights.



Adolfo Braga



Alexandre Simões



Ana Maria Esteves



Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves



Beatriz Arruda



Franco Gevaerd



Julia Albuquerque



José Mangini



Leandro Rennó



Liana Valdetaro



Mônica Salles



Nuno Albuquerque



Renata Moritz



Renata Porto Adri



Renato Hertz



Thomas Gaultier



Henrique Gomm

Feedback & Closing Ceremony

Receive your diploma, reflect on your journey, and celebrate your growth.



Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves

Scientific coordinator of the program

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- Learn from **top international faculty** and **real-world practitioners**
- Gain **practical skills** in negotiation and mediation that you can apply right away
- Meet fellow students from across Europe and beyond
- Immerse yourself in the **vibrant culture of Porto**
- Receive a **Certificate of Participation** and potential **ICFML endorsement**

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Brazilian Students Link



ON-DEMAND SESSIONS AVAILABLE ON THE COURSE PLATFORM

UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF EFFECTIVE LEGAL WRITING

Cristiane Carneiro (Brazil)

A practical approach to how strong legal writing enhances communication and argumentation in legal and dispute resolution contexts.

THE SINGAPORE CONVENTION

Nuno Albuquerque (Portugal) & Mônica de Salles Lima (Brazil)

An exploration of the impact and scope of the Singapore Convention in the global mediation landscape.

HOW CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CAN HELP BUILD THE MEDIATION PRACTICE

Christiana Beyrodt (Brazil) & Pedro Marques (Portugal)

A practical discussion on the role of chambers of commerce in supporting and expanding commercial mediation.

INSTITUTIONAL MEDIATION: A VIEW FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Marina Gouveia (Brazil)

An administrative and operational perspective on how mediation are structured within institutions.

MEDIATION LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

Roberto Kuster (Brazil), Gabriel Ribeiro, Cátia Marques Cebola (Portugal), Renata Valenti (Angola & Africa)

A panel discussing the diverse legal approaches and regulatory landscapes of mediation across Lusophone countries.

UDPM UNIVERSAL DISCLOSURE PROTOCOL FOR MEDIATION

Ana Maria Maia Gonçalves & Daniel Rainey (USA)

A reflection on the role of UDPM and certification in strengthening the recognition of mediation as a professional field.

INSIGHTS INTO THE EUROPEAN MEDIATION LANDSCAPE

Susana Monteiro Sardinha (Portugal)

A comprehensive overview of the development and current state of mediation in Europe, including key trends and policies.

IP (INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY) DISPUTE RESOLUTION: EUROPEAN PRACTICES AND TRENDS

Joana Jerónimo (Portugal)

An analysis of European approaches to resolving intellectual property disputes, focusing on mediation and arbitration.

EXPLORING THE BENEFITS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION METHODS IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

Francisco Lima

A session exploring the advantages of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods in cross-border contexts, with emphasis on effectiveness, flexibility, and intercultural impact.

