

# Kluwer Mediation Blog: March Digest

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March was a particularly busy month on the Kluwer Mediation Blog. From legislative developments in Ireland and Singapore, a report on the Berlin Global Pound Conference, and a more provocative post on whether grey hairs are needed to mediate, there is a lively assortment of posts below.

In "Too much or too little", Bill Marsh explores how mediators might find the appropriate balance of care and attachment to their work. Bill offers some thoughtful questions to prompt thinking on how to attain this elusive balance.

In "Brazilian Mediation – Ten Years in One", Juliana Loss de Andrade provides a comprehensive overview of the recent developments in alternative dispute resolution in Brazil.

In "About Hacksaw Ridge", drawing on the film Hacksaw Ridge, Andrea Maia considers how mediators might encourage empathy in particularly challenging mediations.

In "The Evolution of the Partnership and the Predatory Partner", Peter Garry explains the evolution of partnerships, the rise of the "predatory partner" and how these changes have altered how many partnership disputes tend to arise and are resolved.

In "Something Wicked This Way Comes – Mediators' Duties in Ireland's New Mediation Bill", Sabine Walsh offers a detailed analysis of the obligations that mediators can be subject to under this Bill in cases of court referred mediation.

In "Singapore Developments – The Mediation Act 2016", Joel Lee provides a thorough overview of the purpose of this act and its provisions.

In "Towards a Harmonised Approach To Mediation legislation in Asia", Nadja Alexander provides an overview of Singapore's dispute resolution services for commercial cross-border disputes. Nadja also offers further analysis on the recent Singapore Mediation Act.

In "Do You Need Grey Hairs To Mediate?", Suzanne Rab considers the composition of the mediation market and explores the challenges faced by mediators who are new to the field.

In "Global Pound Berlin, March 24, 2017", Greg Bond identifies certain recurring themes at this conference and shares some of the local questions raised and their answers.

In "Working on Water – Again: A Collapsing Consensus", Ian Macduff builds on his earlier two posts on the work of the Land and Water Forum in New Zealand. In this post, Ian considers the recent developments which undermine the optimism that the consensus achieved, and the recommendations on water quality, will be implemented.

In "A Pop-Up Mediation: Brexit and Devolution", John Sturrock reflects on a recent event in Edinburgh at which John and his colleague, Charlie Woods, acted as mediators in a simulation of a mediated process involving 10 delegations representing different interests in the current Brexit negotiations.