

# Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies



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## INTERCULTURAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

*'Professor LeBaron made culture come alive for me in this course. I now see conflict with new eyes!'*

### WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Working across cultures is an everyday imperative for most Australians, yet it remains a largely unexamined phenomenon. This workshop provides an opportunity to explore and understand the nature of disputes involving culture, and to examine and practice the skills and approaches necessary for effective cross-cultural engagement. The workshop is experiential, and will use simulations, case studies, presentation and discussion as a basis for assisting participants to identify and extend existing dispute resolution skills.

On completion of the workshop, participants will be aware of cultural and sub-cultural issues in dispute resolution. They will be able to place dispute resolution in a broader perspective of culture in our society; understand the factors impacting on the effectiveness of models of dispute resolution; and, be able to identify intercultural elements in different models of dispute resolution. They will also increase knowledge of dispute-related meanings across cultures and learn to incorporate intercultural understandings in dispute system design.

### PRESENTER

Michelle LeBaron serves as Professor of Law and Director of the Program on Dispute Resolution at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. She has done seminal work in many areas of conflict resolution including intercultural, international, family and commercial. Professor LeBaron's recent scholarship focuses on the creative arts as they facilitate intercultural conflict transformation. She offers short courses internationally, and has given keynote speeches in Ireland, New Zealand, Switzerland and across the US and Canada.

Professor LeBaron is the author of *Bridging Troubled Waters: Conflict Resolution from the Heart* and *Bridging Cultural Conflicts: A New Approach for a Changing World*, both from Jossey Bass, and *Conflict Across Cultures: A Unique Experience of Bridging Differences* with Venashri Pillay.

Previously, Michelle was a tenured Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution and Women's Studies at George Mason University in Virginia after practicing law and psychotherapy.

### DATES AND LOCATIONS

Melbourne: 17-19 September 2008

### TIME

From 9 am to 5 pm

### ELIGIBILITY

Students are expected to first complete Mediation or Negotiation before enrolling in elective courses.

### COST

Professional development participants: \$1600 includes GST. We offer a discount for a minimum group of three.

Postgraduate students, please go to: [www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=947](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=947)

### 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, Brisbane and Sydney. The workshops are designed to meet the need for initial accreditation for entry-level recruits through to best-practice for experienced practitioners seeking advanced specialisation.

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

As well, 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

as well as other degree programs in law, social sciences and political science.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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