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From mediation competitions in Panjim, India and Paris, a proposed mediation law in Lithuania and an exploration of how Game Theory might help us better analyse the role of mediator, the month of January saw the usual breadth of topics on the Kluwer Mediation Blog. Perhaps one of the following posts may take your fancy:

In [Chunking Up and Down](#) – advice for those preparing for the ICC Mediation Competition in Paris Geoff Sharp explains two approaches to thinking through a problem: chunking up (going to the bigger broader chunks of thought) and chunking down (going to smaller more detailed chunks of thought). This is useful advice for the participants of the ICC Mediation Competition and for us all.

In [New Year's Resolutions for Mediators](#), Sabine Walsh shares her mediation resolutions for the coming year including to practise reflective practice more and to continue acquiring new skills.

In [Winners and Losers](#), Christopher Cox draws on his experience as a solicitor to identify the difference which a mediator can make to a seemingly unresolvable dispute.

In [Of Superheroes, Mere Mortals and Saving the World](#), Joel Lee and Joshua Lau consider the superpowers of everyday heroes including many skills which are witnessed or encouraged in mediation.

In [Mediation Reform in Lithuania – has it failed?](#), Tadas Varapnickas offers a summary of the proposed law on mediation in Lithuania and identifies the challenges which this law faces.

In [Lex Infinitem – Talking Mediation in India](#), Greg Bond draws on his recent experience at Lex Infinitem 2017 International Dispute Resolution Competition and shares the views and voices of some of those whom he met at the competition.

In ["To be truly radical is to make hope possible, rather than despair convincing,"](#) Ian Macduff explores how we might expand our view of the value that is on the table both at the ICC Mediation Competition 2017 and, more broadly, in the world of international commercial mediation.

Last but by no means least, in [Game Theory and Mediation: Adding Real Value?](#), John and David Sturrock consider how Game Theory might help us better analyse aspects of the role of mediator, up until now perhaps understood tacitly and pursued on instinct and experience.