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Kluwer Mediation Blog – July Digest

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July saw a collection of thought-provoking and passionate posts from our writers, including the particular challenges of conducting research on mediation, insights from the Global Pound Conference in London and reflections on how little we know about our neighbours. A brief summary of all the posts in July can be found below.

In [Research on Mediation – Why It’s Tricky And Why We Need To Do It](#), Sabine Walsh considers the unique challenges posed by research in conflict and mediation, and explores how these might be overcome.

In this passionate piece, [The Road To Becoming A Mediator](#), Virginie Martins De Nobrega charts the enriching, unpredictable and often lengthy road to becoming a mediator.

In [And A Little Child Shall Lead Them – Peacemakers Conference 2017](#), Joel Lee shares visual metaphors for mediation created by students at the Peacemakers Conference held in June in Singapore.

In [What’s Wrong With Trust And Respect](#), Charlie Irvine probes the usefulness of the words “trust” and “respect” in mediation. Charlie concludes that “By showing the parties respect, and trusting their words and judgements, we provide a glimpse of reasonable human interaction. That’s an invitation that’s hard to reject.”

In [The German Mediation Act Five Years On: The Perspective Of Two Judge Mediators](#), Greg Bond shares his discussion about the Act and its effects with two experienced mediator-judges working in German courts: Anne-Ruth Moltmann-Willisch and Pia Mahlstedt. Both are pioneers of mediation in Germany, who were involved in coordinating pilot court mediation programmes that preceded the German Mediation Act.

In [The Global Pound Conference, London – The Grand Finale](#), Nicky Doble identifies her key insights from attending this conference and, in particular, highlights the key points made by users of mediation.

In [Invidious Choices: Mediators As Homeric Navigators](#), Ian Macduff extensively explores the issue of the relationship and choice between rights and cultural values; the tension when legal rights point in one direction and cultural norms in the opposite.

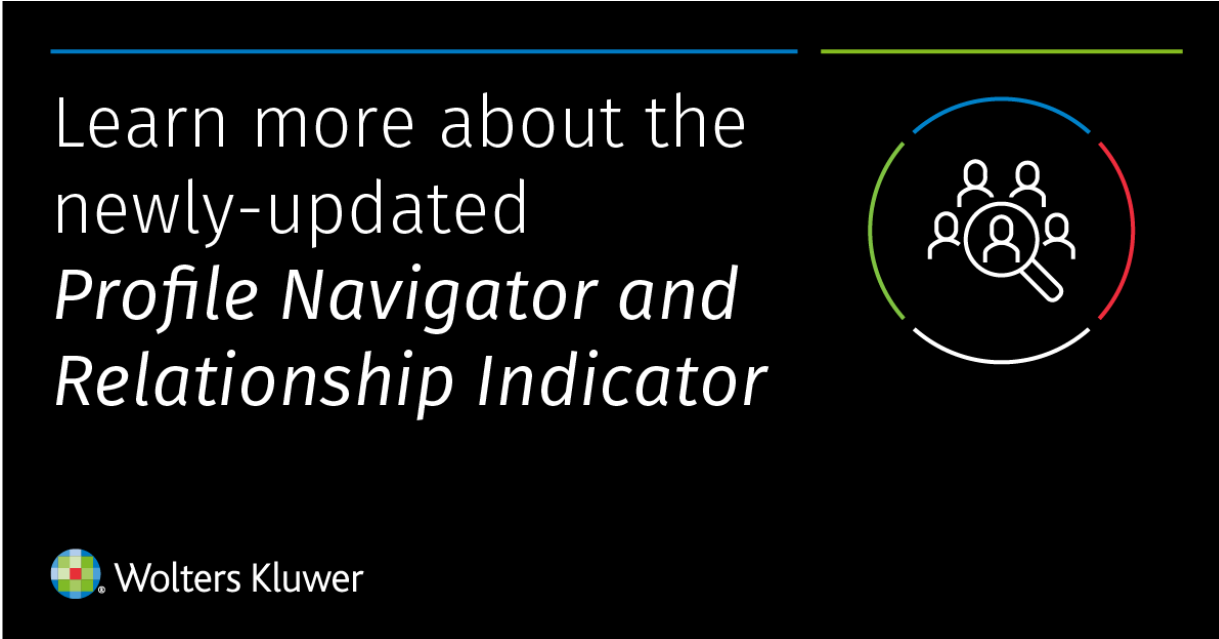
In [Knowing Our Neighbours – A Mediator’s Reflection](#), John Sturrock notes how little we know about each other, how much we are prepared to assume however and how easily we are led to judgements. John argues that these tendencies seem detrimental to building sustainable relationships which will enable us to survive and thrive, whoever and wherever we are, adding that the same applies to the commercial disputes in which many of us now participate as mediators.

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