

International Conference on ADR | Alternative Dispute Resolution

In Association with Lex Infinitum 2026



January 10th, 2026 | Online (via Zoom)

Devi Sharvani Education Society's
V. M. Salgaocar College of Law



About

V. M. Salgaocar College of Law

Established in 1973, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law is a premier institution recognized by the Bar Council of India and affiliated with Goa University. Located in Miramar, Panaji, Goa, it offers programs including 5-year B.A. LL.B., 3-year LL.B., LL.M., and Ph.D. Committed to excellence, the college fosters legal education, research, and advocacy, shaping future leaders.

Renowned in India and internationally for its pioneering service through Legal Aid Cells and Clinics, it emphasizes legal education with social context. It is the **first law college in India** to receive the **All India Institutional Leadership Award (2011)** from the Society of Indian Law Firms and Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy. The college also received awards like Institutional Excellence Award (Society of Indian Law Firms), Herbert Smith Freehills Community Engagement Award, Knowledge Steez Award (2018, 2019, 2024, and 2025) and Droit Penale Award for community service.

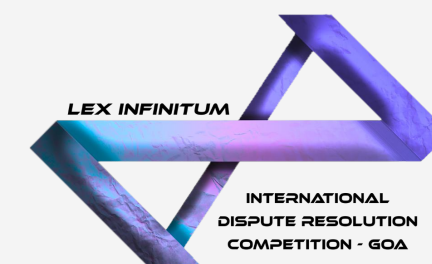


Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Initiatives



The V. M. Salgaocar College of Law actively promotes Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) through its dedicated ADR Board, which annually selects and trains students via rigorous negotiation simulations and orientation sessions on techniques like mediation, conciliation, and client counseling. VMSCCL students, as board members and participants, have won **numerous awards at national and international levels**. These efforts underscore the college's commitment to practical ADR skill-building, with ongoing mediation training integrated into curriculum for final-year students.

The Board's flagship initiative, ***Lex Infinitum***—an internationally acclaimed competition blending negotiation and mediation to address real-world disputes—has announced its *11th edition for 2026*, building on the success of the 10th edition in 2025 themed “Building Bridges: Mediation for Conflict Resolution,” which featured expert-led knowledge forums, intensive training sessions, and competitive rounds judged by prominent ADR professionals from across the globe, attracting participation from top law schools worldwide.



About

International Conference on ADR: Lex Infitum 2026

The International Conference on ADR: Lex Infitum 2026, held online (via Zoom) on **January 10, 2026**, explores the transformative potential of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in advancing justice and societal well-being. Building on the legacy of our flagship ADR competition, Lex Infitum, which promotes mediation and negotiation skills globally, this conference provides an academic platform for legal scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students to discuss innovative ADR frameworks, ethical considerations, and technology-driven solutions.

Each sub-theme will feature **a knowledge session by a keynote speaker**, followed by presentations of selected papers, fostering in-depth discussions and networking opportunities.

Any savings from this event will be used to sponsor students to attend ADR and other competitions.

Keynote Speakers

Global leaders shaping the future of dispute resolution



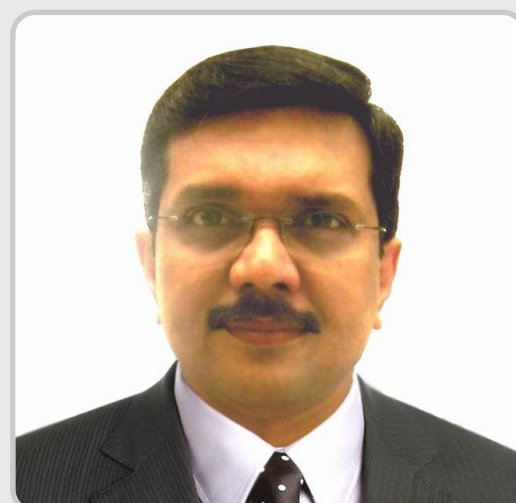
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Thomas Valenti



Sriram Panchu



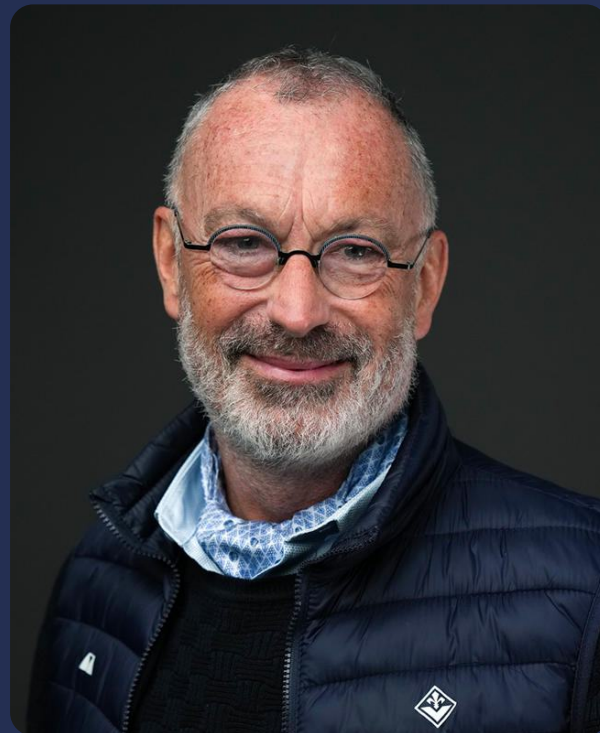
Anil Xavier



Dr. Gregory Bond



Tara Ollapally



Prof. Alain Lempereur

EUI Chair in Leadership and Negotiation | Harvard PON Affiliate Faculty & Executive Committee Member | UN Global Executive Leadership Initiative Lead

- Author of *The First Move: A Negotiator's Companion* (translated into 12 languages) and *Mediation: Negotiation by Other Moves*.
- Trained leaders in 75+ countries for UN, EU, ICRC, WHO, McKinsey, BCG.
- Facilitated peacebuilding in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gaza, and West Bank.

Harvard SJD, Brussels University M Law & M Phil.



Thomas Valenti

Chicago-based attorney with 45+ years in law, the last 20 focused on mediation & arbitration worldwide. Panel Member for AAA, FINRA, USCIB, CPR, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He also serves on many other dispute resolution panels. He serves as an Instructor at Northwestern University's School of Professional Studies and an Adjunct Professor at Loyola University Chicago College of Law.

Expert in civil, commercial, and intercultural disputes.

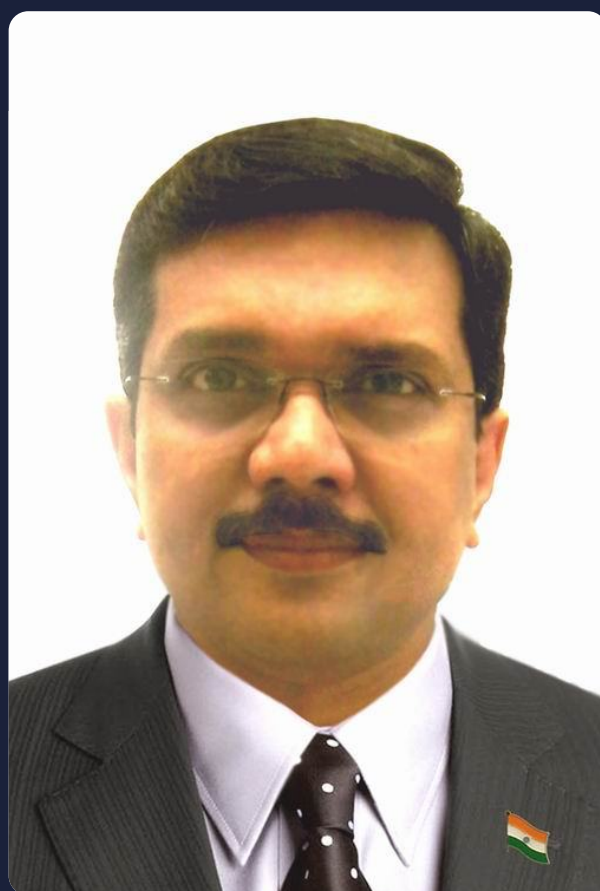


Sriram Panchu

Senior Advocate, Madras High Court | Founding President, Indian Centre for Mediation and Dispute Resolution | Founded India's first court-annexed mediation centre (2005)

- Mediated landmark disputes including Ayodhya-Ram Janmabhoomi, Assam-Nagaland, and Parsi priest entry cases.
- Author of Settle for More and Mediation Practice & Law.
- Led drafting of India's Mediation Bill (2021).

Recipient of Bar Association of India and Anil Divan Awards



Anil Xavier

Senior Advocate, President of the Indian Institute of Arbitration & Mediation (IIAM) and Chairman of the Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration & Mediation (APCAM). He is an IMI Certified mediator and an APCAM International Certified Mediator & Arbitrator.

- Nominated as the Chairman of the Asian Mediation Association for the term 2026-2028.
- He is an Observer member in UNCITRAL Working Group II and III relating to mediation and arbitration.
- Empanelled as arbitrator and mediator with SIMC Singapore, FIMC Italy, Newton Arbitration London, HKJMC Hong Kong, JIMC Japan, ADGM Abu Dhabi.

Nominated as one of the world's leading practitioner in ADR by Who's Who Legal, London from 2016 onwards.



Dr. Gregory Bond

Mediator and facilitator at bond & bond mediation and coaching, Germany | Lecturer in mediation and conflict management at Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau, Germany | International mediation trainer | ICC Paris Problems Working Group Co-Chair | Lex Infinitum Coach and Expert (2017 and 2018), and regular contributor to Lex Infinitum Knowledge Sessions | Editor of Mediation Practice: 8 Cultures, 16 Cases, 128 Creative Solutions (2016)

PhD (German Studies), MA Mediation | member of the advisory board at the MA in Mediation and Conflict Management at European University Viadrina, Germany | professor in mediation at New Vision University, Georgia



Tara Ollapally

Co-Founder, CAMP Arbitration & Mediation Practice Pvt Ltd | Harvard Mediating Disputes Alumna | Columbia Law School LLM.

Licensed in New York & India. Trains mediators via CAMP-Edwards Mediation Academy. Leads collaborations with Indian government and global institutions to build mediation culture.

Call for Papers

We invite faculty, judicial officers, advocates, mediators, negotiators, management professionals, research scholars, and students to submit original research papers on the following sub-themes. Submissions from underrepresented regions are encouraged to promote diverse perspectives.

All participants must register and pay the participation fee to attend the conference or submit an abstract. The submission process involves blind peer review of abstracts and full papers by an expert panel. Selected authors will present at the conference.

Main Theme

Evolving ADR Mechanisms: Integrating Law, Education, Ethics, and Community for Global Justice.

Sub-Themes

Commercial and International ADR

- Maritime and Shipping Disputes: Arbitration under UNCITRAL
- Infrastructure Projects: FIDIC Contracts and Dispute Boards
- Energy Sector: Renewable Energy Arbitration
- Entertainment/Media: IP and Contract Mediation
- E-Commerce: ADR for Online Platforms
- Enforcement of Foreign Awards: New York Convention Challenges
- Investor-State Disputes: ISDS Reforms
- Cultural Nuances in Mediation: Asia-Pacific vs. Western Approaches
- Trade Wars: WTO-Linked Arbitration
- Banking and Finance: Cross-Border Loan and Financial Instrument disputes
- Insolvency: ADR in Bankruptcy and Debt Restructuring
- Real Estate: Property Development and Lease Dispute Resolution

Labor, Employment, and Technology in ADR

- Workplace Arbitration and Mediation
- Collective Bargaining: Union-Management Conflicts
- Non-Compete and Termination Disputes
- Workplace Discrimination and Harassment Mediation
- AI-Driven Mediation: Bias-Free Algorithms
- Blockchain and Smart Contracts: On-Chain Arbitration
- Virtual Hearings: Post-COVID Online ADR Platforms
- Cybersecurity Disputes: Data Breach Mediation
- Digital Assets: Crypto and NFT Conflict Resolution
- Metaverse Disputes: Virtual Property ADR
- Big Data in Predictive Dispute Resolution
- E-Discovery in Arbitration: Ethical Issues
- Online Dispute Resolution: Platform Design and Accessibility

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Family, Social, Community, and Human Rights ADR

- Family Disputes: Divorce, Property, Succession
- Child Custody and Co-Parenting
- Ethnic Conflicts: Restorative Justice (e.g., Manipur)
- Humanitarian Crises: ADR in Conflict Zones (e.g., Gaza)
- Gender-Based Violence: Family and Workplace Mediation
- Indigenous Peoples: Land and Cultural Heritage
- Refugee Integration: Community-Based Forums
- Religious Tensions: Interfaith Mediation
- Elder Care and Domestic Violence
- Community Land Disputes
- Social Media Conflicts: Online Harassment and Defamation

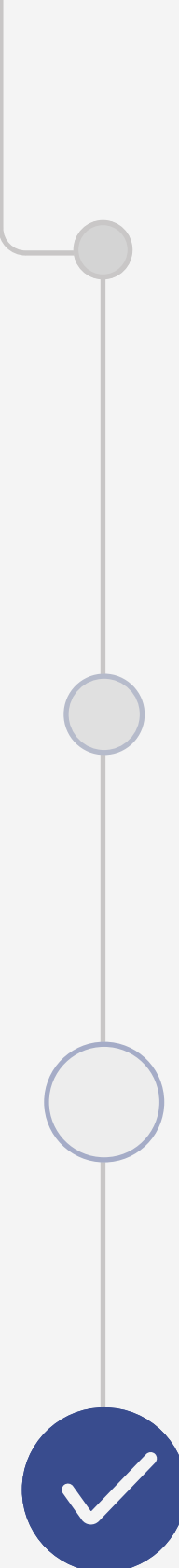
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Ethics in ADR

- Mediator Impartiality and Neutrality
- Confidentiality: Balancing Transparency and Privacy
- Ethical Training and Role-Playing
- Informed Consent in Client Agreements
- Conflict of Interest in Med-Arb
- Accountability Mechanisms
- Mandatory ADR in LL.B./LL.M. Curriculum
- Clinical Legal Education and Student-Led Clinics

Note: Authors may propose related topics aligned with the main theme.

Submission Process



Registration to Participate

All participants must register and pay the participation fee. Upon registration, a unique participating code is provided.

Abstract Submission

Use the code to submit an anonymized abstract for blind review.

Paper Submission

Selected authors submit full paper + paper review fee.

Full Paper Review and Presentation

Full papers undergo blind peer review by an expert panel. Selected authors are invited to present at the conference.

Submission Guidelines

01 Registration and Participating Code

Required for all. Author details submitted during registration only.

02 Exclusive Submission

Original, unpublished, not under review elsewhere.

03 Plagiarism Policy

Papers found plagiarized will be summarily rejected.

04 Blind Review

Abstracts and papers anonymized. Revisions may be required.

05 Abstract

Max 250 words, 5 keywords. Outline objective, methodology, arguments, findings.
Include only code.

06 Paper

4,000–6,000 words (excl. footnotes). Submit the paper with a cover letter that should include the title of paper, sub theme title, the unique participating code, declaration affirming originality and no copyright violations.

07 Co-authorship

Max 2 authors; both must register and pay; at least one must present.

08 Formatting

Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing, 1-inch margins, justified. Title: 14 pt bold. Subheadings: 13 pt italic. Footnotes: 10 pt, single-spaced, Bluebook Uniform Style of Citation & Referencing (21st ed., 2020).

09 File Format: .doc or .docx.

10 Email: intconf.vmscl@gmail.com

Important Dates

October 30, 2025

Registration Opens

December 03, 2025

Last Date for Registration
for Abstract Submission

December 05, 2025

Acceptance of Abstract

December 31, 2025

Last Date for Full Paper
Submission & Paper Review Fees

January 5, 2026

Notification of Papers
Selected for Presentation

January 08, 2026

Last Date to Register as
Attendee for knowledge session

January 10, 2026

Conference Date

Publication Opportunity

Selected papers undergo blind peer review for publication in the Salgaocar Law Review (ISSN: 2395-7263) and on www.theslr.com for global accessibility and impact.

Awards & Recognition

Best Paper Award

₹15,000

Second Best Paper Award

₹9000

Best Paper Presentation

₹6000

Second Best Paper Presentation

₹5,000

Registration Fees

Participation Fee (to attend conference or submit abstract)

Category	Fee
Indian Institutions/Colleges (Faculty and Students)	₹ 500
International Participants	\$ 25

Paper Review Fee (for full paper submission, after abstract selection)

Category	Fee
Indian Institutions (Faculty/Professionals, Single Author)	₹ 2500
Indian Institutions (Faculty/Professionals, Co-authored Paper)	₹ 3500
Indian Institutions (Students, Single Author)	₹ 1500
Indian Institutions (Students, Co-authored Paper)	₹ 2000
International Participants (Single Author)	\$ 75
International Participants (Co-authored Paper)	\$ 100

Note:

Participation fee includes online conference attendance and e-certificate. Paper review fee is for review of paper applicable only for authors whose abstracts are selected. No refunds.

Payment and Registration

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