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South America

Brazil: *US School Mediation Expert Conducts Training of School Administrators and Teachers in Rio de Janeiro, [Partners for Democratic Change](#) (March 2011)*

Caribbean

Cuba: *Mediation by Catholic Church Results in Release of Two Prominent Dissidents, [M&C News](#) (February 13, 2011)*

North America

United States: *Samaritan Center, with Vision to Alleviate Poverty in Visalia, California, Recognizes Need Not Only for Health Care Services but Legal Assistance and Mediation Advocacy, [Visalia Times-Delta](#) (February 26, 2011)*

Northern Europe

Finland: *Foreign Ministers Clash on Proposal to Establish Mediation as Central Focal Point in Government's Policy Program, Which Would Include Establishing Peace Mediation Institute, [Helsingin Sanomat](#) (February 15, 2011)*

Eastern Europe

Ukraine: *Country Ready to Mediate Dialogue Between Belarus and European Union, [UKR.net](#) (March 1, 2011)*

Southern Europe

Italy: *Italian Lawyers' Union Calling for Week-Long National Strike to Protest March 21 Implementation of Groundbreaking New Mandatory Mediation Statute, [Karl Bayer.com](#) (February 25, 2011)*

Malta: *Long-Awaited Restorative Justice and Parole Bill Introduced, [Malta Independent Online](#) (February 7, 2011)*

MBB in the News:

MBB's Kenneth Cloke Is Keynote Speaker at Nova Southeastern University's 24th Residential Institute, Co-Hosted by NSU's Department of Conflict Analysis & Resolution and Department of Multidisciplinary Studies; Discusses His Experiences in Mediation (Including MBB) and the Difference an Individual Can Make in the World, [Nova Southeastern University](#) (March 7, 2011)

In "Needed: Skilled Mediator for Egypt," Author and MBB Member Doug Noll Argues that Business Negotiation Skills Do Not Necessarily Equate to a Skilled Mediator; World Can No Longer Afford Ad Hoc Mediations and Mediators in International Conflict Arena, [Huffington Post](#) (February 11, 2011)

Art, Media, Dialogue:

In Current Exhibit, "Navigating the Aftermath," American and Iraqi Artists Explore Effects of Iraq War to Chart Course Towards Healing and Reconciliation, February 18-March 4, 2011, at University of Minnesota Regis Center for the Arts, [Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project, in Association with Muslim Peacemaker Teams](#)

Egyptians Successfully Mobilize New Online Initiative, "An Internet Free of Sectarian Strife," Launched by Amr Khaled, Described as "World's Most Famous and Influential Muslim Television Preacher," to Bring Muslims and Christians Together to Fight Political Oppression, Avoiding Feared Sectarian Violence, [Common Ground News Service](#) (February 15, 2011)

Northern Africa

Sudan: Khartoum Renews Commitment to Negotiate Administrative Status of Darfur Region, [Sudanese Tribune](#) (March 6, 2011)

Government and Rebels to Restart Direct Peace Talks, Say Still on Track to Achieve Comprehensive Peace, [Sudan Tribune](#) (March 1, 2011)

UN Offers Mediation Between Renegade General Athor and South Sudan, [Sudan Tribune](#) (February 22, 2011)

Western Africa

Liberia: [UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Post-Conflict and Post Disaster Responses Will Engage in Curriculum Reform in Liberian School System as Part of Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Efforts, to Teach Public and Especially Young People Peaceful Conflict Resolution Skills](#)

Cote d'Ivoire: Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan Says Lessons Learned in Kenya's Post-Election Mediation Could Help Resolve Current Standoff, [Christian Science Monitor](#) (February 25, 2011)

African Union Prepares Report on Political Crisis to Aid Leaders in Resolving Impasse, [VOA News](#) (February 10, 2011)

Middle Africa

Central African Republic: Complexities of Diamond Mining and Gritty Problems of Everyday Life Continue to Keep Central African Republic from Achieving Resolution of Enduring Conflicts and Peace, Keep Country Mired in Distrust, [International Crisis Group](#) (February 21, 2011)

Eastern Africa

Madagascar: Ousted Ex-President Demands Role in Mediation Talks, Wants to Run in Election, [Bloomberg News](#) (February 24, 2011)

Mozambique: Over 5,000 Labor Disputes in 2010 Resolved Through Dialogue, without Involving Courts, [AllAfrica.com](#) (February 21, 2011)

Founded in 2004, "Straight from the Heart" Is a Radio Program Aired by UN Mission in Liberia Radio, Allowing Liberians to Phone in Live and Share Stories from Second Liberian Civil War (1999-2002); Organization Examines How Liberians Can Become Reconciled to What Happened to Them, Explores Meaning of "Reconciliation," and How Liberian Society May Achieve Peace After Horror

Meditation:

"Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future."

Paul Boese

Of Interest:

[Center for International Conflict Resolution, Columbia University](#) (Spring 2011), New Program "Reorienting Peace in Israel-Palestine," Will Engage Group of Twelve Palestinian, Israeli, US, UN, Arab League and EC Officials, Academics, and Negotiators in Two-Year Constructive and Innovative Dialogue Process to Bridge Gap Between Realities on Ground and Current Established Discourse of Peace Process

[5th Asia-Pacific Mediation Forum Event and Leadership Summit: "From Talk to Action," Bangkok, July 6-8, 2011](#)

2011 Bologna, Italy Symposium on Conflict Prevention, Resolution and Reconciliation, June 25-July 23, 2011, [International Peace & Security Institute](#)

[Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding in Latin America, World Peace Academy-Swiss Centre for Peace Studies, May 23-27, 2011, Will Explore Region's Common Conflict Roots and Different Paths to Peace, Analyzing Why Some Are More Successful](#)

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton Expresses Support for Mission of United States Institute of Peace During Capitol Hill Testimony, [United States Institute of Peace](#) (March 10, 2011)

Western Asia

Azerbaijan: *With Tensions Escalating, Karabakh Mediators Shift Focus from Status of Region to Preventing War,* [News.Az](#) (February 14, 2011)

South-Central Asia

Jammu and Kashmir: *Government Ministers Contemplate a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, But Many Wonder If Country Is Ready to "Forgive and Forget,"* [Kashmir Awareness](#) (March 10, 2010)

India: *Mediation to Replace Entangled Legal Battles in Efforts to Compensate Evacuees of District Lands Taken by Government for Development Projects,* [Times of India](#) (March 5, 2011)

Mediation Frees Hostages in Orissa, [South Asia Mail](#) (February 27, 2011)

Supreme Court Counsels Lawyers to Encourage Mediation for Resolving Disputes, Especially Where Relationships May Be Ruined Through Litigation, Refers to "Mahatma Mediator Way," [Telegraph India](#) (February 19, 2011)

Nepal: *Women's Peace Building Network Adds Necessary Dimension to Work of Nepal Transition to Peace Initiative to Implement Comprehensive Peace Agreement,* [Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue](#) (February 8, 2011)

South-Eastern Asia

Thailand/Cambodia: *Nations Urged Through Indonesian Mediation to Set Permanent Cease-Fire,* [All Headline News](#) (February 15, 2011)

Indonesia, Under Association of Southeast Asian Nations Charter, Begins Mediating Conflict Along Border with Thailand, Giving ASEAN Dispute Settlement Mechanism Chance of Success Before Turning to Outside Mediators, [Jakarta Post](#) (February 11, 2011)

Responding to Repeated Human Rights Violations Along Their Border, a Joint Committee for Khmer Thai People Relationship Building Develops Petition at Meeting on "Conversation Between Cambodians and Thais for Neighborhood Love and Peace without Violence," [WordPress.com](#) (February 9, 2011)

Oceania

Papua New Guinea: *International Finance Corporation, Member of World Bank Group, to Help National and*

US Diplomatic Cables, Exposed Through Wikileaks, Portray UN Special Representative and Kosovo Envoy Martti Ahtisaari as Formidable Peace Mediator, [Helsingin Sanomat](#) (February 14, 2011)

Books, Essays, Articles:

"Madagascar: Ending the Crisis," Analyzes What Has Gone Wrong So Far and How the Crisis Could Be Resolved, [International Crisis Group](#) (March 23, 2011)

And Still Peace Did Not Come: A Memoir of Reconciliation, by Agnes Fallah Kamara-Umunna (March 2011, [Hyperion Books](#)), Is Author's Personal History Interweaved with Retelling of Personal Testimonies from Child Soldiers and Other Victims of Liberian Civil War

"The Role of Iraq's National Reconciliation in Peacebuilding," by Dr. Abdullah Ali Abbou, Discusses Need for Recognition by Citizens of Nation's Plurality of Interests and Perspectives and Importance of Working Together as Critical Stage on Road to Transitional Justice, [Perspectives on Global Issues](#) (March 11, 2011)

"Make Sure Women Can Lead in the Middle East," by Carla Koppell and Haleh Esfandiari, Stresses Need to Recognize Role of Women in Current Pushes for Change Throughout Region, [Common Ground News Service](#) (March 8, 2011)

"The Case for UN Peacekeeping," by Micah Zenko and Rebecca R. Friedman, ([Council on Foreign Relations](#), March 2, 2011), Urges US President Obama to Articulate and Defend Importance of UN Peacekeeping to US Congress in Climate of Budget Cuts, and Describes Essential Role It Plays in Promoting Global Stability, as Well as US Foreign Policy Goals

"We Can't Be Sure Who Killed Us," by Julian Hopwood (International Center for Transitional Justice, Justice and Reconciliation Project, February 2011), Examines Role Memorials Play in Uganda's Transitional Justice Process

Supreme Courts Develop Court-Annexed Mediation, [Media Newswire](#) (February 9, 2011)

Australia: *Group of Mullaley Farmers Opposing Plans for Gas Pipeline Through Their Properties Rejects Request for Mediation But Will Meet for Dialogue*, [ABC.net](#) (February 10, 2011)

Organizations

[Conflict Resolution Conferences Worldwide](#) Provides Comprehensive Listing of Upcoming Events in Peace Studies, Conflict Resolution and Related Fields

[Centre for Conflict Resolution](#), University of Cape Town, South Africa, Is Non-Profit Organization Emphasizing Capacity-Building in Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, Working Closely with Continental and Regional Programs on African Continent

"Mediating Land Conflict in East Timor" Provides Primer, Using Case Studies, on Resolving Country's Ongoing Land Dispute Issues, Published by [Australian Agency for International Development](#)

Peace Versus Justice? The Dilemma of Transitional Justice in Africa, Chandra Lekha Sriram and Suren Pillay, Eds. (Scottsville: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, June 2009), Draws on Expertise of Many Insider Analysts, Offering Insights on "Justice Versus Peace" Dilemma, Specifically in Africa, and Examining Roles of Domestic Courts and Tribunals, Hybrid Tribunals, the International Criminal Court, and Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Throughout the Continent

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