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Oceania:

Australia: *New Laws Grant Federal Court Power to Mediate Native Land and Title Claims, Aim to Ease Backlog,* [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (September 14, 2009)

South-Eastern Asia

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Malaysia: *Malaysian Chinese Association Crisis May Deepen Without Mediation; Political Infighting Threatens to Further Weaken Party,* [Mysinchew.com](#) (September 8, 2009)

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South-Central Asia

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With No Sustainable Peace in Region Possible Until Kashmir Issue Resolved, Country Welcomes Beijing's Offer to Mediate, Hopes Other World Powers Will Participate, [World News Connection](#) (October 1, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Iran: *Key Political Figures Should Mediate to Alleviate Country's Political and Social Tensions,* [World News Connection](#) (September 26, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Western Asia/Middle East

Yemen: *Shiite Rebels Request Mediation in Cease-Fire with Government,* [Denverpost.com](#) (September 23, 2009)

Inside MBB:

MBB's Middle East Initiative (MEI) and [Wahat al Salam-Neve Shalom \(Oasis of Peace\)](#), a cooperative village in Israel of Jews and Palestinian Arabs of Israeli citizenship, are collaborating on developing a cross cultural mediation curriculum specifically for use by Palestinian and Jewish Israelis. The MEI team will be at the village October 12-20, 2009, creating liaisons and offering a workshop on "Cross Cultural Identity and Social Relations." [www.MediatorsBeyondBorders.com/What's New at MBB](http://www.MediatorsBeyondBorders.com/What's%20New%20at%20MBB)

Check These Out:

"*The Role of Rituals in Healing Trauma and Reconciliation in Post-Accord Peacebuilding,*" by Zulfiya Tursunova, [Journal of Human Security](#) (Subscription Required), Featured on MBB's Web Resource, Conflictpedia

The Soto Zen Buddhist Sangha (or group) "Águas da Compaixão" (Water of Compassion) in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, led by the nun Isshin Havens (Monja Isshin), held its Spring Equinox Ceremony on September 21, reflecting on the Paramitas of Buddhist practice and the International Day of Peace. The group maintains a relationship with Mediators Beyond Borders through Monja Isshin, who trained in mediation under Ken Cloke, MBB's

Tribal Mediation Succeeds in Achieving Truce Between Houthis and Armed Groups, Stops Two-Week Period of Confrontations, [Yemen Observer](#) (August 3, 2009)

Iraq: *Baghdad Agrees to Diplomatic Solution to Crisis with Syria Through Regional Mediation Efforts, Tensions Easing, [BBC International Reports \(Middle East\)](#) (September 15, 2009) (Subscription Required)*

US Efforts to Mediate Between Kurds and Iraqi Government Good Step Forward, But Will Not Yield Resolution Unless Two Sides Willing to Stop Imposing Views and Reach Common Ground, [World News Connection](#) (August 7, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Turkey: *Government Appears Eager to Play Risky and Complicated Mediation Role at Talks Among World Powers on Iranian Nuclear Crisis, [Turkish Weekly](#) (September 18, 2009)*

Enthusiastic About Its Developing Role as Mediator in Region But Reluctant to Accept Third-Party Involvement in Its Own Conflicts, Government Now Asks Swiss to Mediate Its Relationship with Armenia, [Turkish NY](#) (September 9, 2009)

Syria: *Mediation May Be Under Way Between Muslim Brotherhood and Syrian Government, Led by Turkish and Jordanian Mediation Team, [BBC International Reports \(Middle East\)](#) (September 4, 2009) (Subscription Required)*

Government Pleased with Turkey and Iran's Mediation in Dispute with Iraq over Recent Bombings in Baghdad, [World News Connection](#) (September 3, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Lebanon: *Organization Helps Teachers Promote Conflict Resolution in Classrooms in Hopes of More Peaceful National Culture, [Christian Science Monitor](#) (September 23, 2009)*

Northern Africa

Sudan: *Darfur Mediator Organizes Workshop for Rebel Groups to Discuss Themes Dealing with Demands and Issues Before Peace Talks, [Sudan Tribune](#) (September 2, 2009)*

Eastern Africa

Somalia: *Islamists Welcome Mediation Between Insurgents, Condemn UN Summit as Designed to Destroy Islamist Interests of Somali People, [BBC International Reports \(Africa\)](#) (September 26, 2009) (Subscription Required)*

Madagascar: *First-Time Direct Talks Lead to Breakthrough On Amnesty for Ousted Leader; Internationally-Backed Talks Being Led by Former Mozambican Leader Joaquim Chissano, [AFP](#) (August 7, 2009)*

Co-Founder and President. Isshin's dharma on the event may be accessed through the group's [website](#) (English translation).

Meditation:

"Whenever two people meet there are really six people present. There is each man as he sees himself, each man as the other sees him, and each man as he really is."

William James

Art and Dialogue:

Documentary Film Shows How Peace, Not War, Is Way to Deal with Greatest Challenges Facing Our World, Showcases Alternatives to Conflict and Concrete Global Examples, and Includes Interviews with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Hans Blix, [Soldiers of Peace](#)

Award-Winning Theatrical Production, [Truth in Translation](#), Tells Story of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Through Eyes of Young Interpreters Who Translated for Both Victims and Perpetrators After Apartheid's Collapse

Ring the Bells, a Duet Between Grammy and Academy Award Winning Melissa Etheridge and Pakistani Musician and UN Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS Salman Ahmad, Challenges Us to Confront Fear with An Alternative Vision of Hope, Created by Participant Media for Search For Common Ground

News Source Offers Good News, Positive Trends, in World Peace and Dialogue from Around the Globe, [Global Good News](#)

Zimbabwe: Questions Remain Whether Zimbabwean Mediation Included Interests of Aggrieved Masses and Whether It's Good Model for Region, [BBC International Reports \(Africa\)](#) (September 23, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Middle Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Uneven Progress in Stabilization Efforts in Eastern Region; UN Secretary-General Urges Authorities to Ensure Full Operation of Local Conciliation Committees and Appointment of Former Armed Groups to Administrative Positions, as Agreed in Earlier Peace Accords, [AllAfrica.com](#) (September 30, 2009) (Subscription Required)

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Nigeria: UN Envoy Commends Nigeria for Contribution to Peacekeeping Efforts in Liberia, Says Peacekeepers Are Well-Equipped in Providing Creative and Home-Grown Solutions to Complex Global Challenges, [Xinhua News Agency](#) (August 24, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Niger: Peace Process Continuing Under Libyan Mediation, Talks Aimed at Reintegration of Combatants, [ReliefWeb](#) (September 1, 2009)

Guinea: Opposition Leader Seeks Mediation by Senegalese President to Solve Country's Crisis, [World News Connection](#) (October 3, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Central America

Honduras: Breakthrough in Crisis as Ousted President Manuel Zelaya Agrees to Restart Dialogue, [Agence France Presse English Wire](#) (September 25, 2009) (Subscription Required)

North America

New York: President Obama's First Middle East Mediation Elicits Unenthusiastic Handshake, No Commitment, [Financial Times](#) (September 23, 2009)

West Virginia: Juvenile Mediation Program Aims At First-Time Offenders, Status Offenders, and Non-Violent Criminal Cases, and Offers Counseling to Victims and Families; Program Deemed Successful, [The Review](#) (August 1, 2009)

Ohio: Judge Orders Mediation Where Teen Girl Says Family Threatened to Kill Her for Converting from Islam to Christianity, [CNN](#) (September 4, 2009)

California: State Officials Prepare to Open Mediation Center to Address Expatriate Community's Legal Disputes, Avoid

Of Interest:

Bringing Together Voices from All Cultures and Religions, the [Charter For Compassion](#) Seeks to Remind the World That We Already Share the Core Principles of Compassion; Crafted by People all over the World and Drafted by a Multi-Faith, Multi-National Council of Thinkers and Leaders, the Charter Will be Unveiled on November 12th with a Week of Celebratory Activities to Take Place Around the World, [More Information](#)

Turkish Prime Minister Discusses War, Peace, at "Building Global Peace: Turkish Regional Foreign Policy Priorities," Hosted by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; Turkey, as Active Member of UN Alliance of Civilizations, Believes It is Well Placed to Show That Different Cultures and Civilizations Do Not Have to Be in Conflict But Can Live Together, [The Times](#) (Trenton, NJ) (September 28, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Should US Vice President Biden Mediate Between Kurds and Iraqi Government? Is He Impartial? What Is US Interest in the Mediation Outcome? [World News Connection](#) (September 28, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Two Liverpool Businesses Join Up to Provide Mediation Services to Businesses All over World, Provide Expert Multi-Language Solution to International Dispute Resolution, And Address Cultural Issues, [Daily Post \(Liverpool, UK\)](#) (August 25, 2009) (Subscription Required)

US Government Preparing to Offer Mediation Services to Resolve Disputes Between Persons Making FOIA Requests and Executive Agencies as Non-Binding Alternative to Litigation, [Congressional Documents](#)

Unnecessary Prison Terms, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) (September 6, 2009) (Subscription Required)

Washington: *Snoqualmie Tribe Goes to Mediation over Dispute with Tribal Elders*, [SnoValleyStar.com](#) (September 16, 2009)

Organizations

3D Security Initiative *Has Mission to Promote Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Investments and Strategies in US Policymaking by Fostering Greater Recognition Within US Government of International and Local Civil Society Perspectives on Conflict Prevention, Principled Negotiation, and Sustainable Development in Security Policymaking*

Conflict Prevention and Resolution Forum (CPRF) *Co-Sponsored by a Consortium of Organizations Specializing in Conflict Resolution and Public Policy, Including Search for Common Ground and Alliance for Peacebuilding; Provides Monthly Platform in Washington, DC for Highlighting Innovative Methods of Conflict Resolution, Providing Information from Variety of Perspectives*

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Noteworthy:

How Do You Make Peace with Someone Whose Entire View of History is Completely Different from Yours? *"Israeli and Palestinian Views of History and the Search For Peace,"* by Barry Leff, Common Ground News Service (October 1, 2009)

Sometimes Simply An Acknowledgement, an Admission of Responsibility, Can Have a Healing Effect, *"Maybe Israel Just Needs to Acknowledge Palestinian Pain,"* by Jonathan Freedland, [Haaretz.com](#) (September 21, 2009)

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