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An Introduction to Conflict Resolution Quarterly

Conflict Resolution Quarterly publishes scholarship on relationships between theory, research, and practice in the conflict management and dispute resolution field to promote more effective professional applications. *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* is sponsored by the Association for Conflict Resolution.

As the fields of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Conflict Resolution experience exponential growth, *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* has become an indispensable tool for practitioners, scholars and students. That's why it is the most widely distributed journal covering the role of the neutral in processes such as mediation, arbitration, negotiation, facilitation and other conflict resolution processes at the local, national and international levels.

Articles may focus on any aspect of the conflict resolution process or context, but a primary focus is the behavior, role and impact of third parties in effectively handling conflict at all levels from the interpersonal to the international. All theoretical and methodological orientations are welcome. Submission of scholarship with the following emphases is encouraged:

- Discussion of a variety of third party conflict resolution practices including dialogue, facilitation, facilitated negotiation, mediation, fact-finding, and arbitration.
- Analyses of disputant and third party behavior, preference, and reaction to conflict situations and conflict management processes.
- Consideration of conflict processes in a variety of conflict contexts including family, organizational, community, court, health care, commercial, international, and educational contexts.
- Sensitivity to relational, social, and cultural contexts that define and impact conflict.
- Interdisciplinary analyses of conflict resolution and scholarship providing insights applicable across conflict resolution contexts.
- Discussion of conflict resolution training and education processes, program development, and program evaluation and impact for programs focusing on the development of more competent conflict resolution in educational, organizational, community, or professional contexts.
- The state of the evolving fields of Conflict Resolution and Alternative Dispute Resolution.



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