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Mediation provides an attractive and flexible alternative to resolving disputes through court proceedings. Mediation promises just results in the interest of all parties concerned, a reduction of the court caseload, and cost savings for the parties involved as well as for the treasury.

The European Directive on Mediation has given mediation in the European Union new momentum by establishing a common framework for cross-border mediation. Beyond the European Union, many states have tried in recent years to answer the question whether, and if so, how mediation should be regulated at a national and international level.

The aim of this book is to promote the understanding and discussion of regulatory issues by presenting comparative research on mediation. It describes and analyses the law and practice of mediation in twenty-two countries. The European Union is represented by chapters on Austria, Bulgaria, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, and Spain. The world beyond the European Union is analysed in chapters on Australia, Canada, China, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Switzerland, and the USA.

Against this background, further chapters on fundamental issues identify possible regulatory models and discuss central principles of mediation law and practice. In particular, the work considers harmonisation and diversity in the law of mediation as well as the economic and constitutional problems associated with privatising civil justice. Empirical research, to the extent available, is used as a point of reference in the critical analysis.

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