



Australian Dispute Resolution Association Inc.

# BOOK LAUNCH

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THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

## DETAILS

- When:** Tuesday 24 April 2018
- Time:** 6:30pm–8:30pm
- Where:** NSW Law Society  
Level 2, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney
- Cost:** \$25
- CPD:** 2 CPD Points
- Capacity:** Limited availability

Please register your attendance online via

<http://adra.net.au/activity/events/item/278-kpj-meditation-quest-book-launch>

Please contact Andrew Wong for assistance with registration at [andrewwhywong@gmail.com](mailto:andrewwhywong@gmail.com).

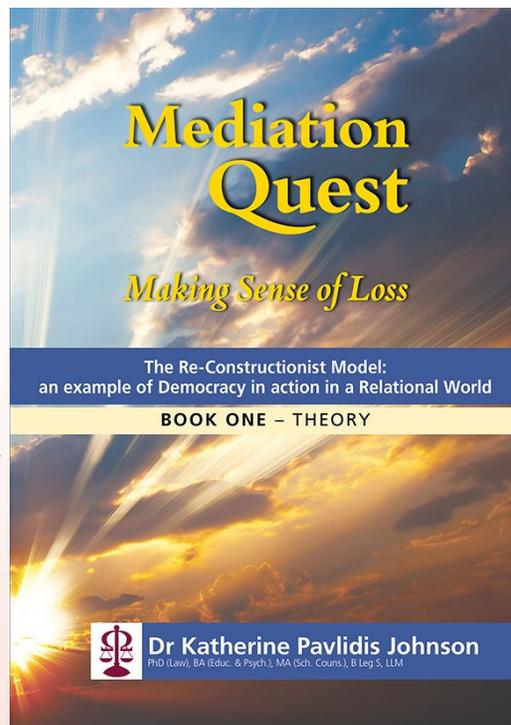
## PUBLICATION

### **Mediation Quest: Making Sense of Loss**

### **The Re-Constructionist Model: An example of Democracy in action in a Relational World**

## Book one—Theory

Mediation Quest: Making Sense of Loss is a significant academic work which analyses the process of mediation as an agent for social change through the lenses of psychology, education and law. It is expansive in its ambition but also remarkably rigorous in pursuing its aim, arguing that it is important to carefully study the impact of grief and loss on decision-making in mediation in a very pragmatic manner. The Re-Constructionist Model of mediation provides an example of democracy in action in a relational world. Katherine Pavlidis Johnson attained her PhD in Law awarded by Macquarie University in September 2015.



## Book Two—Handbook

Mediation Quest: Making Sense of Loss Handbook is a text of guidelines including graphics for Dispute Resolution practitioners. The use of the guidelines is justified with substantial theory to explain that the Re-Constructionist Model (RM) encourages the parties to draw upon their own perspectives grounded in their experiences, both past and present. The RM introduces a new concept, that is, the practitioner as relational learner, where the practitioner reflects back to the parties what is meaningful for them to the degree that the parties are ready, willing and able to accept such feedback. The aim of the RM is not necessarily to reach resolution but to unravel the complexities of the relationships in which the parties find themselves at any point in time.

