



Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Collaboratory

The Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Collaboratory (NCRC) at the Center for Public Leadership, led by Brian Mandell, Faculty Chair and Mohamed Kamal Senior Lecturer in Negotiation and Public Policy and Monica Giannone, Director, brings together thought leaders from a variety of fields, disciplines, and backgrounds to put theories, research, and skills to practical use. NCRC is a collaborative space for joint research, teaching, learning, and engagement. Academics, practitioners, and students jointly explore how negotiation and conflict resolution skills can be used to tackle the world's toughest problems.

Our Workstreams

NCRC works across three core areas: create, convene, and equip. NCRC creates through conducting research on effective skill-building for negotiations, distilling research into toolkits and frameworks for practical application, creating synergies among different academic fields and practice areas, and innovating on teaching methods. The collaborative convenes by building spaces for co-learning, inspiration, and reflection; enabling collaborative spaces for people who usually do not engage with one another; and learning from others by convening interdisciplinary and cross-sector groups. This work equips current and future leaders from various sectors, ages, backgrounds, and identities, through interactive formats that help them achieve their goals.

"To create more diverse, equitable, and inclusive communities, next generation negotiators must adapt a collaborative mindset to be able to negotiate across multiple boundaries and sectors from the local to the international."

Brian Mandell
NCRC Director

NCRC believes that trainings must be based on research, that research projects benefit from understanding and appreciating the context of practitioners, and that collaboration with other scholars and practitioners improves content creation and inspires new research questions.

Focus Areas and Flagship Programs

NCRC focuses on complex multi-stakeholder negotiations, conflict and peace building, inclusive negotiations, and leadership and negotiations. Within these focus areas, NCRC is executing flagship programs in various fields, from hosting an innovative virtual training for early career climate negotiators to supporting the democratic opposition movement in Myanmar. NCRC's research topics include the role of land and resources, religion and identity, power and leadership, negotiation processes, and track two diplomacy in the world's only resolved protracted, asymmetric, and ethno-national conflicts.