With regard to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in Germany, mediation is the predominant kind of procedure used to settle conflicts out of court, (besides direct negotiation and arbitration in international business). However, mediation has followed a long and often arduous path in Germany, from reluctant beginnings promoted in diverse disciplinary quarters by a handful of academics, judges and lawyers, psychologists and social workers, to the expanding mediation mosaic encountered today. Today, mediation in Germany is a quality product. This presentation will focus on the practical use of mediation in Germany and the current issues in the professional debate.

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