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## **Biography**

Shahla Ali's research and practice centers on questions of governance, development and the resolution of cross-border disputes in the Asia Pacific region. Shahla is the author of Governing Disasters: Engaging Local Populations in Humanitarian Relief (Cambridge University Press); Consumer Financial Dispute Resolution in a Comparative Context (Cambridge University Press) and Resolving Disputes in the Asia Pacific (Routledge). She has consulted with USAID, IFC/World Bank and the United Nations on issues pertaining to access to justice, peace process negotiation training and land use conflict resolution. She serves as a bilingual arbitrator (English/Chinese) with CIETAC, HKIAC (ADNDRC), SIAC and is a member of the IBA Drafting Committee for Investor-State Mediation Rules, the DOJ Mediation Regulatory Framework Sub-Committee, and the FDRC Appointments Committee.