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An Australian's experience in Vienna: drafting the UNODC model law on smuggling of migrants

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In 2009, Fiona David, a graduate of the ANU Law School, was invited by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to draft a Model Law on the Smuggling of Migrants. The purpose of the Model Law is to provide guidance to any State wanting to implement the 'Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air', which supplements the 'United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime'. The Model Law, which was released in December 2010, is being translated into all five UN languages. In this presentation, Fiona will discuss her experience of drafting the Model Law, including observations on the process used to develop the Model Law and some of the contentious issues that arose in the drafting process.

Fiona is a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for International and Public Law at the ANU College of Law, where she is writing a book with Dr Anne Gallagher on the International Law of Migrant Smuggling (Cambridge University Press). In the past five years, Fiona has worked as a consultant with a range of organisations including the Australian Institute of Criminology, the Asia Regional Trafficking in Persons project (an AusAID initiative), the International Organization for Migration, ASEAN and various UNODC offices. Fiona's work, which focuses primarily on trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling, has taken her from Lao to Libya, and many countries in between.

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