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The UN Human Rights Committee and the right to enter ones' own country

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Friday Lunchtime Seminar Series

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Jennifer Cavenagh will discuss the UN Human Rights Committee's Views in *Nystrom v Australia*, which concerned the right to enter one's own country under article 12(4) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). She will examine, in particular, the adoption by the Committee of a broader interpretation of the term 'own country' than previous Committee Views regarding article 12(4).

Ms Cavenagh is currently a Senior Legal Officer in the International Human Rights Law Section of the Office of International Law, in the Attorney-General's Department. She has worked in the Office of International Law since 2010. As a lawyer with OIL,

Ms Cavenagh has provided legal and policy advice on issues ranging from international refugee law to international environmental law and international human rights law.

Jennifer Cavenagh joined the Attorney-General's Department in 2008. Since that time, she has worked in a number of positions across the Department, including Family Law and the Access to Justice Taskforce, which released the Strategic Framework for Access to Justice in 2009.

In addition, in 2009-2010, Ms Cavenagh undertook a nine-month internship at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, during which she was an associate to Judges Keith and Shi. As part of her role Jennifer undertook research for Judges Keith and Shi on questions of international law and arguments presented by States in cases before the Court. She also attended hearings and assisted the Judges with additional work, as required.

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