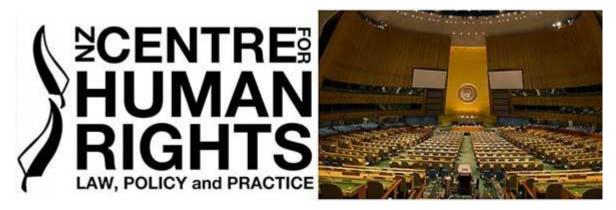
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Conflicting rights in the English Court of Appeal: freedom of religion and freedom from discrimination

A recurring scenario in modern Western countries is the clash between liberty and equality. The battle ground is, increasingly, the Bed and Breakfasts of the nation. Read more...

Freedom of Expression, Contempt of Court, and the law of Collateral Challenge in the Supreme Court of New Zealand

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been the occasion for the re-examination of many areas of New Zealand law. In this Supreme Court decision the issue concerned a deliberate breach of a High Court suppression order. Could he who breached the Order argue it ought never to have been made? Read more...

Should assisted suicide be criminal, and if so, should it always be prosecuted?

Assisted suicide and other end-of-life issues are being debated around the world, with the courts increasingly being drawn into litigation. In New Zealand a private member's bill on the subject is awaiting the ballot. The Court of Appeal of England and Wales was recently asked whether ending another's life at their request (to end their suffering) might attract the criminal defence of necessity (to homicide), and if not, whether the DPP should more clearly specify when those assisting will, or will not, be prosecuted. Read more...

Public Law in Three Nations. Centre co-Directors and Dean Andrew Stockley visit South Africa.

A second colloquium of public law teachers from the law schools of Auckland, Melbourne and Witwatersrand (in Johannesburg) was held in South Africa in June. Read more...

Bringing Discrimination Claims Against Government: Part 1 A of the Human Rights Act 1993 and the Caregivers Case

Danielle Kelly, Lecturer, Faculty of Law comments on the symposium held by the Centre at the offices of Chapman Tripp on 9 July. Read more...

Court of Appeal holds in-work tax credit discriminatory, but justified

The Child Poverty Action Group has again been unsuccessful in its claim that the in work tax credit breaches the Human Rights Act 1993 and the Bill of Rights Act 1990. The Court of Appeal dismissed its appeal, holding that, although the eligibility criteria for the social assistance scheme appeared to discriminate, they were justified in the circumstances. Read more...

Summer Training Program on Religion and the Rule of Law, Beijing, China

Paul Rishworth was one of 10 international faculty invited to co-teach a program on Religion and the Rule of Law, in Beijing from 15 to 26 July. The program, now in its

fourth year, is run under the auspices of the Beijing Foreign Studies University, Peking University and the Pu Shi Institute for Social Science. Read more...

Annual Criminal Law Symposium

The Centre, working with the Criminal Bar Association, held its first annual criminal law symposium on 24 July 2013. Read more...

Symposium on The Bill of Rights and Religious Instruction in Schools

Should there be religion in state schools? It's a recurring controversy. Read more...

The Bill of Rights and the Regulatory State

The Centre held a symposium on how the Bill of Rights applies in regulatory matters, such as those involving the Commerce Commission. Read more...

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