

Overview

The Global Rule of Law Exchange is a new project of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law in London and supported by law firm Jones Day.

Through its three core components, the Exchange seeks to address key challenges posed by global development and its relationship to the rule of law. Issues in question include the tension between growth, investment and the excluded and also the relationship between formal and informal legal systems. The Exchange will consider the challenges in respect of developing the rule of law in emerging economies, with particular regard to access to justice, corruption and the measurement of success in rule of law interventions.

The three core components are:

- **Events** A series of international events will be held throughout each year on a range of topics related to rule of law and development.
- **Project Work** In collaboration with the Centre and other partners, fieldwork, research, training and capacity-building as well as practical assistance will be undertaken.
- **Knowledge Exchange** Research findings, ideas and debates generated through the Exchange will be published on a dedicated website, and a number of other channels will also be used.

What is the Rule of Law?

The Rt Hon Lord Bingham of Cornhill KG defined the rule of law as the principle that “all persons and authorities within the state, whether public or private, should be bound and entitled to the benefits of laws publicly made, taking effect (generally) in the future and publicly administered in the courts”. The rule of law encompasses a number of principles, including: accessibility of and equality before the law; access to justice; law over discretion; protection of fundamental human rights; dispute resolution mechanisms and fair adjudication of disputes.

The Exchange in a nutshell

1. The Exchange offers legal and rule of law expertise, as well as a track-record of conducting rigorous and applied research
2. A funded series of international events
3. A London-based team, with strong networks comprising: Governments, the legal and development professions, academia, think tanks and NGOs.

Tentative Timeline

In the first year, we expect to organise a **Seminar** in London (September 2015) and in the United States (end of 2015), a **Round-Table Discussion** and **Annual Lecture** in the United States (November/December, 2015) and an **Annual Conference** in Brazil (tbc) (March, 2016)

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