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### **Bingham Centre appoints new Senior Research Fellow to lead on Global Rule of Law Exchange**

The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law has announced that Mathieu Tromme has been appointed to the new role of Senior Research Fellow in Development and the Rule of Law. Tromme will be responsible for managing the newly established Global Rule of Law Exchange, a partnership between the Centre and global law firm, Jones Day.

The Global Rule of Law Exchange will promote development and the rule of law, internationally, through research, a programme of international events and other activities. It will encourage debate, practical outcomes and generate a series of research papers published on its own website.

Prior to this role, Mathieu was working as a team leader and technical adviser for a UK-Aid anti-corruption programme in Vietnam. He was responsible for providing strategic direction and implementing different project components. His experience includes working on a range of governance, democracy-support and transparency projects for organisations, including International IDEA (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance), Transparency International, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and Global Integrity. Mathieu's qualifications include an MSc in Comparative Politics (Conflict Studies) from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, Director of the Bingham Centre, welcomed this new appointment, saying: "Mathieu's experience and dedication to the rule of law will be so helpful to the launch of this new and important venture."

"Mathieu's experience leading research and analysis programs around the world will be a huge asset in the creation of the Global Rule of Law Exchange and we look forward to his leadership and insight," said John Phillips, Partner-in-Charge of Jones Day's London office. "Given our long history and strong commitment to the development of the rule of law, our partnership with the Bingham Centre is an exciting endeavor, and Mathieu's background is ideal to help us shape the research and move the project forward. We are excited to see it come together and eager to proceed."

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Mathieu Tromme says: "As an international development practitioner, including most recently leading a DFID-funded anti-corruption project in Vietnam, I have worked extensively on issues of good governance and transparency. I witnessed first-hand how the lack of accountability, weak legal frameworks and lagging enforcement mechanisms facilitate the pursuit of personal gains at the costs of sustainable development and efficient allocation of resources. I am excited by the way the Global Rule of Law Exchange will provide opportunities to bring together international development organisations, governments, academics, and legal professionals with a view to sharing experience and providing cross-cutting, policy-relevant research and recommendations. I look forward to the interaction of the global expertise of the Bingham Centre and Jones Day in pursuing these objectives."

Tromme will take up his new appointment in April 2015.

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**NOTES TO EDITOR:**

1. **The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law** was launched in December 2010 to honour the work and career of Lord Bingham of Cornhill, a great judge and passionate advocate of the rule of law. It is the only international centre of excellence solely dedicated to the study, promotion and enhancement of the rule of law worldwide. It does this by:
  - Defining the rule of law as a universal and practical concept
  - Highlighting threats to the rule of law
  - Promoting high quality studies and training and supporting capacity-building on the rule of law
  - Demonstrating how the rule of law upholds respect for human dignity and enhances economic development and political stability.

The London-based independent research institute, is a constituent part of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), the foremost independent research and discussion body of its kind in the UK. (Registered Charity No. 209425, Company Registration 615025).

2. **Jones Day** is a global law firm with 41 offices in major centres of business and finance throughout the world. Its unique governance system fosters an unparalleled level of integration and contributes to its perennial ranking as among the best in the world in client service. Jones Day provides significant legal representation for almost half of the Fortune 500, Fortune Global 500, and FT Global 500.