

The Global Rule of Law Exchange

The Global Rule of Law Exchange is a new, three year 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 will address key challenges posed by global development and its relationship to the rule of law. It will consider the place of the rule of law in emerging economies, including on issues such as access to justice, administrative justice and corruption. It will also examine the relationship between formal and informal legal systems, and the measurement of success in rule of law interventions.

The Exchange has three core components:

- **Events** will be held regularly on a range of topics (see below)
- **Project Work** will include fieldwork, research, training and capacity-building, as well as practical assistance
- **Knowledge Exchange** will provide an opportunity for research findings, ideas and debates generated through the project to be published on the website.

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 series of international events
3. A London-based team, with strong networks across: Governments, the legal and development professions, academia, think tanks and NGOs.

Research

Our research projects to date include:

- A collection of practice notes on the rule of law and development, presenting empirical and comparative knowledge on the matter
- Research on Judicial appointments and Judicial Independence in Latin America

Scheduled Events

- Bilateral Trade Agreements and the Rule of Law – The case of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) (13 October, London)
- Rule of Law and Corruption in Latin America (Spring 2016, Brazil)

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