The Bingham Centre Strategy 2018-2022

Proactively Advancing the Rule of Law
1. **OUR VISION**

   Our vision is of a world in which every society is governed by the Rule of Law “in the interests of good government and peace at home and in the world at large”.¹

2. **OUR MISSION**

   We exist to advance the Rule of Law worldwide.

3. **OUR STRATEGIC AIMS**

   To achieve our Mission we have four **Specific Strategic Aims**:

   1. **Democratising the Rule of Law** by mainstreaming it into policy making, law making and decision making in all relevant sectors and explaining it clearly to all relevant audiences, including the public.

   2. **Embedding the Rule of Law** by helping to develop the necessary institutional machinery, processes and procedures to give it practical effect.

   3. **Building Rule of Law leadership** in all relevant institutions to ensure a sustainable long term increase in Rule of Law capacity.

   4. **Broadening agreement about the core meaning of the Rule of Law** by building global awareness of the emerging international consensus about the Rule of Law as a practical concept.

4. **WHAT WE DO**

   - We carry out independent, rigorous and high quality research and analysis of the most significant Rule of Law issues of the day, both in the UK and internationally.

   - We make strategic, impartial contributions to policy-making, law making or decision-making in order to defend and advance the Rule of Law, making practical recommendations and proposals based on our research.

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• We hold events such as lectures, conferences, roundtables, seminars, webinars, to stimulate, inform and shape debate about the Rule of Law as a practical concept amongst law makers, policy makers and decision-makers.

• We publicise the outcomes of our research in a variety of forms, eg. reports, books, academic journals, blogs, media, social media.

• We build Rule of Law capacity in a variety of ways, e.g. by providing training, guidance, expert technical assistance, and cultivating Rule of Law leadership.

• We contribute to the building and sustaining of a Rule of Law community, both in the UK and internationally.

5. HOW WE DO IT

• We are proactive in the way we approach our mission, identifying opportunities to achieve our strategic aims.

• We are impact-focused, aiming to achieve direct and sustained practical impacts on law, policy and decision-making and directly participating in topical debates where our work is relevant.

• We are international in our approach and our reach, engaging directly with international and regional organisations, governmental and non-governmental.

• We are comparative, drawing on relevant international comparisons.

• We use our convening power to combine our own expertise with extensive networks of relevant experts.

• We work collaboratively with partners who share our values to advance the Rule of Law and we engage actively with relevant stakeholders in the Rule of Law field.

• We are reflective, monitoring and evaluating our work against clear targets to assess its impact. We keep our choice of means to achieve our goals under constant review in light of that assessment.

• We operate at all times in an independent, research-based, non-partisan way, as part of a charitable applied research institute.
6. OUR CURRENT AREAS OF FOCUS

- Brexit and the Rule of Law
- Business and the Rule of Law
- Citizenship and the Rule of Law
- Government and the Rule of Law
- Justice Systems and the Rule of Law
- Parliaments and the Rule of Law
- Security and the Rule of Law
- Sustainable Development and the Rule of Law
- The Rule of Law in the Digital Age