

# 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”.<sup>1</sup>

## 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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<sup>1</sup> Tom Bingham, *The Rule of Law* (2010).

- 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**

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