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Building the Rule of Law: In Search of Coherence or Case-Specificity?

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Following criticism that the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to be achieved by 2015 were too narrowly framed, the rule of law has been widely acknowledged as a missing element in the existing framework. However, the exact place that the rule of law should and will occupy in the UN post-2015 Development Agenda has been one of the main debated issues in the current negotiations that will culminate with the adoption of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the General Assembly in September 2015.

A panel of eminent scholars will gather at an evening seminar to discuss different views on the desired place and role of the rule of law in the context of the development agenda. Discussion will develop around the following issues:

- Is the rule of law susceptible to a globally applicable definition? Or rather, is it a context specific concept?
- Is the rule of law concept capable of sufficiently case-specific measurement?
- In the current proposed version of the SDGs the rule of law features in the Introduction and as one of the targets but only access to justice features as an actual goal. Is this the best way forward?

Chair

- **Dr Mareike Schomerus**, Research Fellow at the London School of Economics

Speakers

- **Deval Desai**, Justice, Conflict and Governance Specialist at the World Bank
- **Naina Patel**, Director of Education and Training, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law

Discussants

- **Sir Jeffrey Jowell**, Director of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law
- **Dr Michael Woolcock**, Senior Social Scientist at the World Bank

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