Prosecutorial Discretion and the Rule of Law

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Prosecutors exercise discretion in crucially important ways, making decisions about whether a person should be charged with a criminal offence. These decisions can be highly controversial, as has been evident in recent times where cases have concerned, for example, assisted suicide, the use of social media, and the actions of journalists, editors and public officials. Where decisions turn on whether it is in the public interest to bring a case to court, the exercise of discretion may be particularly contentious.

The Bingham Centre is delighted to welcome the DPP, Keir Starmer QC, to speak on Prosecutorial Discretion and the Rule of Law.