



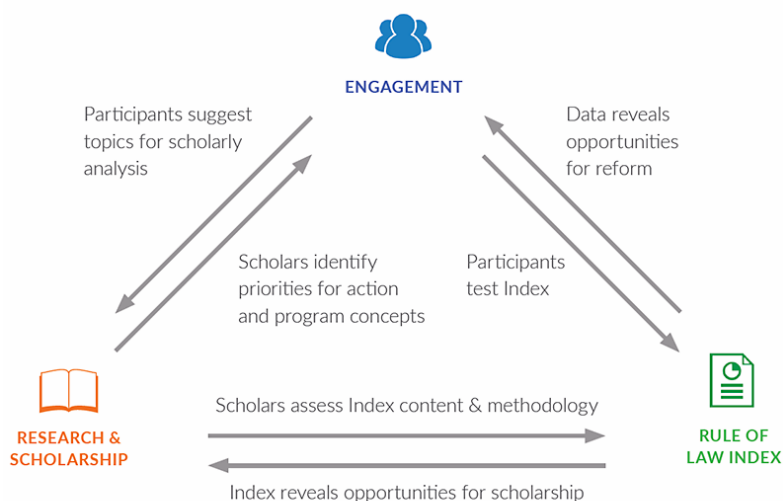
World Justice
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Annual Report 2016

About Us

Traditionally, the rule of law has been viewed as the domain of lawyers and judges. But everyday issues of safety, rights, justice, and governance affect us all; everyone is a stakeholder in the rule of law.

WJP's mutually-reinforcing lines of business therefore employ a multidisciplinary approach through original research and data, an active and global network, and practical, locally-led programs to advance the rule of law worldwide.



RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP:

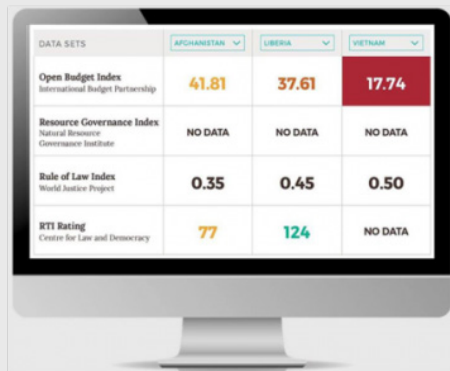
The WJP's Research & Scholarship work supports research about the meaning and measurement of the rule of law, and how it matters for economic, socio-political, and human development. The Rule of Law Research Consortium (RLRC) is a community of leading scholars from a variety of fields harnessing diverse methods and approaches to produce research on the rule of law and its effects on society.

WJP RULE OF LAW INDEX: *The World*

Justice Project Rule of Law Index® is the world's leading source for original data on the rule of law. The 2016 edition expands coverage to 113 countries and jurisdictions (from 102 in 2015), relying on more than 110,000 household and expert surveys to measure how the rule of law is experienced and perceived in practical, everyday situations by the general public worldwide. Index findings have been cited by heads of state, chief justices, business leaders, and public officials, including coverage by more than 2,500 media outlets worldwide.

ENGAGEMENT: Engagement efforts include connecting and developing a global network, organizing and leading strategic convenings, and incubating practical, locally-led programs. At our World Justice Forum, regional conferences, and single-country workshops, advocates come together to learn about the rule of law, build their networks, and design pragmatic solutions to local rule of law challenges. In addition, the World Justice Challenge provides seed grants to support on-the-ground programs addressing discrimination, corruption, violence, and more.

WJP Joins Governance Data Alliance



DATA SETS	AFGHANISTAN	LIBERIA	VIETNAM
Open Budget Index International Budget Partnership	41.81	37.61	17.74
Resource Governance Index Natural Resources Governance Institute	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA
Rule of Law Index World Justice Project	0.35	0.45	0.50
RTI Rating Centre for Law and Democracy	77	124	NO DATA

The World Justice Project joined more than 20 organizations—including Results for Development Institute, Millennium Challenge Corporation - MCC, Hewlett Foundation, Omidyar Network and more—in the launch of a new Governance Data Alliance (GDA) tool that compiles a range of governance data for the first time.

The GDA is a new organization bringing together groups producing data on the topic of governance—centralizing their information in one location rather than requiring people to search across the internet for it. It also aims to increase knowledge sharing and partnerships among its members, allowing producers of data to collaborate and improve their own research. A key feature of the GDA website is that it allows for cross country comparison across all of its members datasets.

The World Justice Project's *WJP Rule of Law Index* and *WJP Open Government Index* datasets are included in the GDA's governance data dashboard.

Many of the world's leading governance data producers are also included on the site, including top-level indicators from Transparency International, World Bank Group, Freedom House, Global Integrity, World Resources Institute, and others.

Learn more at: <http://www.governancedata.org/about>

Lewis Prize Award Winner Announced

World Justice Project Announces Winner of 2016 WJP Anthony Lewis Prize for Exceptional Rule of Law Journalism

The World Justice Project (WJP) today announced the winner of the inaugural WJP Anthony Lewis Prize for Exceptional Rule of Law Journalism.

A team of journalists from the Associated Press—Margie Mason, Robin McDowell, Martha Mendoza, and Esther Htusan—earned the win for their work reporting on corruption and human rights abuses in the Southeast Asia fishing industry. Due to their efforts, more than 2,000 modern-day slaves have been freed, perpetrators have been jailed, and companies and governments have introduced new policies, practices, and laws.

“We are honored by this award, but all the recognition today goes to the enslaved fishermen who risked their lives to tell us their stories,” said the team in a group statement. “We hope this award can underscore how a breakdown in the rule of law can lead to gross labor abuses and impunity for those who make millions harvesting seafood from the ocean.”

The WJP Anthony Lewis Prize for Exceptional Rule of Law Journalism, including a \$10,000 award to the winner, was created to acknowledge journalists from around the world who have contributed to increased awareness and understanding of the foundational importance of the rule of law.

“The team’s reporting in the series *Seafood from Slaves* has illuminated not only the tragic consequences of a breakdown in the rule of law, but also the possibility of making a difference through rigorous, thorough, and courageous reporting and advocacy,” said William H. Neukom, founder and CEO of the World Justice Project.

The competition generated an impressive field of candidates through a global, public nomination process. In addition to the prize winners, five journalists were awarded Honorable Mention in recognition of their extraordinary reporting on rule of law issues: Anas Aremeyá Anas (Ghana); Neha Dixit (India); Ruth Hopkins (South Africa); Kishali Pinto-Jawawardena (Sri Lanka); and Ian Urbina (USA).



Associated Press reporters Esther Htusan, Robin McDowell, Margie Mason and Martha Mendoza, the team of journalists whose stories on seafood from slaves have led to the release of more than 2,000 slaves, gathered in Los Angeles on Friday, April 15, 2016. The Associated Press found a slave island and tracked seafood caught by fishermen who were captives of Thailand’s seafood industry, in some cases for decades, whipped with stingray tails if they asked for rest, risking murder by captains if they failed to please. (Photo: Thomas Mendoza)

The award was named in honor of Anthony Lewis (1927 – 2013), a friend and inspiration to the World Justice Project, who was a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and journalist credited with transforming legal journalism in the United States. Lewis' reporting on the establishment of the Constitutional Court in post-apartheid South Africa helped inspire the creation of the World Justice Project. He was also an active participant at WJP's first regional meeting in 2007.



From the series *Seafood from Slaves*:

TOP: Migrant fishermen raise their hands as they are asked who among them want to go home at the compound of Pusaka Benjina Resources fishing company in Benjina, Aru Islands, Indonesia. (AP Photo/Dita Alangkara)

BOTTOM: In this May 16, 2015 photo, former slave fisherman Myint Naing, center, hugs his niece Kyi Wai Hnin, right, and nephew Kyaw Min Tun following his return to his village in Mon State, Myanmar. Myint, 40, is among hundreds of former slave fishermen who returned to Myanmar following an Associated Press investigation into the use of forced labor in Southeast Asia's seafood industry. (AP Photo/Gemunu Amarasinghe)



WJP Scholars Conference 2016



On May 6-7, 2016, a distinguished group of leading academics and experts joined the World Justice Project for a two-day conference at Stanford Law School. The themes of the conference were organized around four components: an examination of the origins of the rule of law; a look at the “rule of non-law” for development and security in poor countries today; a discussion of the issues of non-state armed actors, vigilantism, and violence; and finally, a discussion of the empirical of measuring and analyzing the rule of law.

In addition to the presentation and discussion of research papers, the general counsel of Facebook, Google, Apple, and Nike joined WJP founder Bill Neukom for a frank discussion of the challenges of operating multi-national corporations across vastly different rule of law landscapes.

Sessions from the conference are now available on World Justice Project’s YouTube channel. They include:

Theme I: The Relation of Law and Other Systems of Ordering - Part One

Theme I: The Relation of Law and Other Systems of Ordering - Part Two

Theme II: Dimensions of Informality and the Rule of Non-Law - Part One

Theme II: Dimensions of Informality and the Rule of Non-Law - Part Two

Theme III: Law, Order, and Violence - Part One

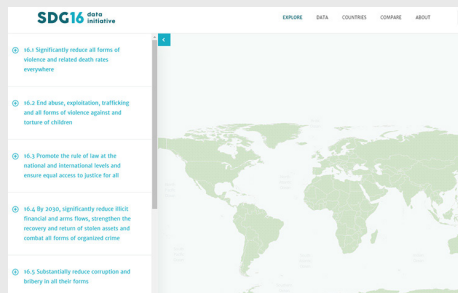
Theme III: Law, Order, and Violence - Part Two

Theme IV: Empirical Challenges to Measuring ‘Informal’ Rule of Law

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Launch of the SDG16 Data Initiative



On July 14, 2016, the World Justice Project was proud to attend the launch of the SDG16 Data Initiative, taking place in conjunction with the United Nation's High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

The SDG16 Data Initiative is a collective project to compile existing global data that can help track

progress towards the achievement of SDG16, which commits all countries to "promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels."

The Initiative's SDG16 platform allows users to compare the recommended UN official indicators for each of the SDG16 targets against complementary indicators from nongovernmental data sources. These proposed indicators are designed to complement official government data, providing the most complete and accurate picture possible of progress towards SDG16.

WJP is one of 14 organizations providing data for this initiative. WJP Rule of Law Index scores for civil justice and criminal justice are used as complementary indicators for target 16.3 on rule of law and equal access to justice. In addition to the official IAEG global indicators – measuring the proportion of victims of violence that report their victimization to the police as well as unsentenced detainees as a proportion of the overall prison population – WJP's Index scores provide a holistic picture of the accessibility, affordability, impartiality, and effectiveness of civil justice systems, and of the capacity of criminal justice systems to investigate and adjudicate criminal offenses through an impartial system that protects the rights of victims and the accused.

The launch event included an introduction to the initiative, and a demo of the platform by Results for Development Institute Managing Director, Nathaniel Heller. Lisa Bersales, Head of Philippines Statistics Authority and co-chair of the IAEG-SDGs, also gave opening remarks on the usefulness of this initiative for countries like the Philippines that are taking inventory of existing data on SDG16 targets and working to address national and subnational data challenges. Paul Gulleik Larsen, SDG Project Leader for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, commended

the initiative for broadening the conversation about the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals to nongovernmental actors, and for “bringing in elements that are fundamental for sustainable development: security, rule of law, and respect for fundamental rights.”

The floor was opened for discussion and feedback, which touched on the importance of data that can be disaggregated sub-nationally and by demographics, and on the usefulness of data derived from citizen surveys for monitoring the effectiveness of government policies and services. The need for demand-driven data was also highlighted as a key challenge and opportunity. To this point, Heller noted that while initiatives such as the SDG16 Data Initiative bring us closer to bridging the gap between nationally-led data collection from statistics agencies and a flood of bottom-up data, the key indeed lies in better understanding end users in order to produce data that is both powerful and helpful for policymaking.

2016 WJP Rule of Law Index® Launch

Strengthening the rule of law is essential for anyone interested in advancing peace, equity, and opportunity. Measuring how well countries adhere to the rule of law in practice can be a first step in setting benchmarks, stimulating and guiding reforms, and deepening understanding and appreciation for its fundamental features.

The WJP Rule of Law Index is the world's leading source for original data on the rule of law, relying on over 100,000 household and expert surveys to measure how the rule of law is experienced by ordinary people worldwide. The 2016 edition expands coverage to 113 countries and offers scores and rankings reflecting government openness and accountability, access to justice, corruption, human rights, security, and more.

Following an introduction of the latest Index findings, a panel discussed the state of the rule of law worldwide—and why it matters to us all.



Welcome

Daniel L. Foote
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State,
Bureau of International Narcotics
and Law Enforcement

Introduction to WJP

William H. Neukom
Founder and CEO, World Justice
Project

2016 WJP Rule of Law Index – Key Findings

Alejandro Ponce
Chief Research Officer, World Justice
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Panel Discussion

Juan Carlos Botero
Executive Director, World Justice
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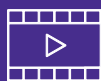
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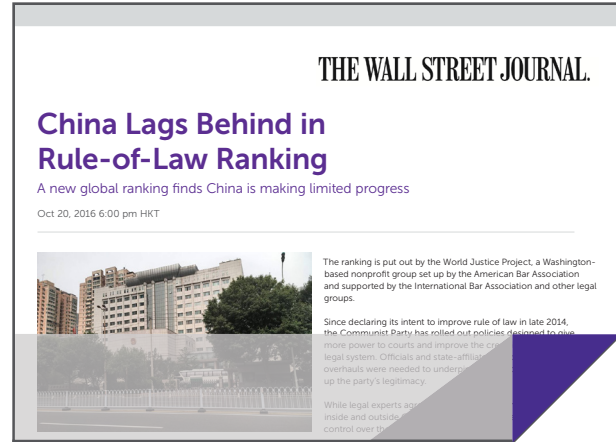
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WJP in the News



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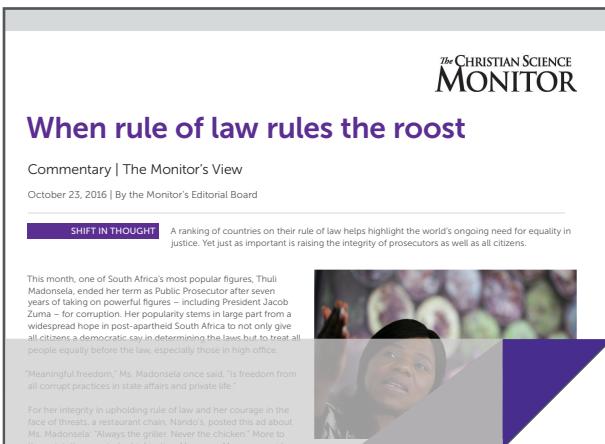
In the middle of a United States presidential election season, candidates are prone to talking about how the U.S. is the greatest country on earth. But when it comes to the rule of law, the U.S. may have some work to do, according to a new survey...



OCTOBER 2016

The Communist Party has widely touted a campaign to improve rule of law in China. Beijing's critics call that a farce.

A new global ranking released on Thursday reaches a more nuanced conclusion: China is making limited progress—though not necessarily in ways likely to impress the West....



OCTOBER 2016

A ranking of countries on their rule of law helps highlight the world's ongoing need for equality in justice. Yet just as important is raising the integrity of prosecutors as well as all citizens...



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Attorney General (AG) Mohammad Farid Hamidi on Monday stressed the delivery of full justice even in rebels' related cases, saying the Attorney General's Office (AGO) had ordered all prosecutors to disclose attempts at interferences in their affairs...

South China Morning Post

The global rule of law

How Hong Kong Ranks Against China, And the World

November 2, 2016

With Hong Kong facing a potential constitutional crisis, the city's solid reputation for rule of law is under question. Explore the territories current strengths, and compare with other regional, and world systems below

The Fall of Asia

Asia, of all the regions assessed, had the toughest year in the rankings in 2016. South Korea, Malaysia, and the Philippines all fell back, down or more positions. At the top of the ranks in Asia, Hong Kong and Singapore remained stable, while lower down Vietnam and Myanmar made significant advancements. But in the end, the South Asian region ranked the lowest of all areas measured.

The Factors of Law

REGIONAL SCORES

- Continental Europe
- North America
- South America
- Africa
- Oceania
- Asia

NOVEMBER 2016

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Bloomberg

Erdogan Crackdown Has Turkey on Edge as Kurd Leaders Jailed

By Benjamin Harvey | Nov. 4, 2016 8:47 AM PDT

A Turkish court ordered the nation's most prominent Kurdish lawmakers jailed, sharply escalating a crackdown by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and sending markets tumbling over fears of renewed violence and a possible rupture with the West.

Selahattin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag, co-chairs of the Peoples' Democratic Party, or HDP by its Turkish initials, were two of 11 members of parliament to be detained in overnight raids on Friday. Erdogan accuses the party of close links to separatist PKK rebels and in May, at the president's request, parliament passed a law stripping HDP lawmakers of their immunity from prosecution, enabling them to be charged with terrorism-related offenses.

The sweep is part of an ever-widening purge of Erdogan's opponents after a July 15 attempted coup. The government has sacked tens of thousands of civil servants for links to an Islamic movement led by U.S.-based cleric Fethullah Gulen, who Turkey's government accuses of plotting the July 15 coup.

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BBC

Is Turkey still a democracy?

By Mark Lowen BBC Turkey correspondent | Nov. 5, 2016

What has happened to Turkey? Four years ago, it was held up by the West as a model for the Muslim world: a democracy (albeit flawed) that was negotiating EU membership and advancing towards a peace settlement with its Kurdish minority.

It was seen as an anchor of stability in the volatile Middle East - although critics here believe the perception from outside was already skewed.

This week, the World Justice Project's rule of law index placed Turkey 99th of 113 countries, just behind Iran and Myanmar. It has reclaimed its place as the world's main jailer of journalists. A couple of analysts who I asked to interview for this piece were unwilling to be quoted, for fear of speaking out.

"It is the end of democracy", the HDP's Deputy President Huseyin Ozsoy told the BBC.

"We didn't have much democracy anyway, but even the very limited democratic space is totally wiped out".

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Financials

Statement of Activities

Revenues

Grants and Contributions	4,881,194
Other revenue	366,634
Total Revenues	5,247,828

Expenditures

Program Services	
Research and Scholarship	76,465
Rule of Law Index	2,895,572
Engagement	611,497
Total Program Services	3,583,534

Supporting Services

Management and General	796,413
Fundraising	157,356
Total Supporting Services	953,769

Total Expenditures	4,537,303
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Change in Net Assets	710,525
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	5,404,457
Net Assets at End of Year	6,114,982

Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets

Current Assets	6,332,437
Fixed Assets	111,515
Other Assets	49,166
Total Assets	6,493,118

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	304,783
Long-term Liabilities	73,353
Total Liabilities	378,136

Net Assets

Unrestricted	5,568,769
Temporarily Restricted	465,985
Total Net Assets	6,034,754

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	6,412,890
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