The ouster clause in the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Bill: An end to the rule of law?

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Clause 10 of the Bill creates a precedent. The clause prevents any judicial scrutiny of decisions of the new Asylum and Immigration Tribunal and allows only reference by the President of the new single tier tribunal to the Court of Appeal for an ‘opinion’. The clause also prevents judicial scrutiny of removal, deportation and associated decisions of the Home Secretary and Home Office officials.

This meeting is convened by the BIHR and ILPA to ensure that judges, lawyers, academics and all committed to the rule of law are made aware of these proposals to deny access to the courts in asylum and immigration cases.

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