

Foreword

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I am delighted to be given the opportunity to make a few introductory remarks about the journal *European Public Law*. I have been a 'retired' lawyer for some considerable time, but my life in British politics and at the Commission has brought home to me the importance in understanding the legal context in which politics have to operate and the political context in which law has to operate. I consider *European Public Law* to be a bold new venture, exciting in its conception, ambitious in its design and principled in its objectives. It will provide a very useful service for lawyers, administrators, politicians and all those whose lives bring them into contact with European law and other European legal systems. When I inaugurated the Institute of European Public Law at Hull University in May 1992, I delivered a lecture on the importance of competition and competition law and I am pleased to say that this is one subject that will be covered by the new journal. I wish the journal, the editor and its distinguished advisory board every success in their well-directed venture.

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