Series editors’ preface

We are glad to welcome, as the second book published in this series on Regulation, Competition and Development, a set of contributions by researchers working on both developed and developing economies, which examine the significant issues associated with making comparisons across these types of economy. Particular emphasis is placed on the way in which broader conceptions of the regulatory state address issues of effective governance, public accountability, more efficient processes of competition, and expansion into social policy sectors. The chapters focus on the political and institutional characteristics of the reform being commonly proposed and adapted in processes of regulatory reform. In doing so, they provide an important addition to the existing literature on the politics and governance of regulation.

Issues of regulation and competition have long been matters of both public policy discussion and academic research in developed economies, but until recently were relatively unexamined in relation to developing economies. The Centre on Regulation and Competition (CRC) was established in 2001, with funding from the UK Department for International Development, to conduct research into issues of competition, regulation and regulatory governance in developing countries. It works through a network of partnerships both in the UK and overseas, in Ghana, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Africa and Sri Lanka. This new series represents one of the many forms of dissemination of both conceptual studies and research findings, including conferences, workshops, journal publication, and policy briefs. We aim to make this series a focal point for future research on competition, regulation and regulatory governance in developing countries and hope that it will have a major impact on effective and socially beneficial transfer of knowledge across countries and regions of the world.

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