Preface

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. The editors will be glad to receive and consider book proposals for publication in the series.

The promotion of liberalised and deregulated markets by bilateral and multilateral aid donors, and by global institutions such as the World Trade Organisation, has led to significant attention to competition and regulation reforms in developing economies. This book draws together contributions from specialists ranging across different disciplines and types of economy, in order to examine both ideas and current practices in this field, including country and sector case studies. A particular focus is on the extent to which this reform process involves the transfer of policy models originating in developed economies, and the problems of applicability and adaptation that arise. The book presents a clear agenda for further empirical studies, and will make a valuable contribution to the literature on economic development.

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