Preface

Issues of competition and regulation have long been matters of both public policy debate and academic research in developed economies, but until recently were relatively unexamined in relation to developing economies. The Centre on Regulation and Competition (CRC) of the University of Manchester, UK, has been conducting research into regulatory developments and competition issues since 2001, with a primary focus on changes and reforms in developing countries, working together with partners both in the United Kingdom and overseas in China, Ghana, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Africa and Sri Lanka. This work has been funded primarily by the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development, with other support from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office’s Global Opportunities Fund, and from the British Council. Other collaborating agencies include the Foreign Investment Advisory Service of the World Bank and the Competition Division of the United Nations Committee on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

This book series is one of the many ways in which the work of the CRC and its partners is disseminated, complementing conferences, workshops, journal publication and policy briefs. This volume incorporates the research of CRC on competition and competition policy. The contributors focus on the meaning and understanding of the relation between competition and development and the implications for competition policy. The volume also gives attention to the difficulties associated with measuring competition and uses a range of quantitative techniques to assess the competitiveness of markets. These new research insights will provide a stimulus to reflexive policy-making in international development institutions, and a focus for further contextual research in the academic development community.

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