Preface

The Centre on Regulation and Competition (CRC) was established in 2001 with core funding from the UK Department for International Development, to conduct research into issues of competition, regulation and regulatory governance in developing countries. To carry out this research, CRC has worked with an extensive network of partners both in the United Kingdom and overseas. This Elgar series provides a valuable opportunity to disseminate the research findings and conceptual studies to as wide an audience as possible.

This book draws together the main components of research conducted over the past five years, and focuses on the key policy implications that have emerged from our theoretical and empirical analysis. Each of the main chapters has been formed by drawing on a specific set of CRC's working papers and has been written in a uniform style by Sarah Mosedale, in conjunction with the principal authors of these papers, with the exception of Chapters 11 and 12, which were written by Derek Eldridge and Brian Goulden. This has been done to provide a textbook suitable for students of regulation and competition, policy-makers and practitioners wanting a clearly written synopsis of CRC's latest research, the major policy considerations and references to the more conceptual and technical issues that each chapter draws upon.

This book presents in a non-technical manner the results of conceptual and empirical research into competition, regulation and regulatory governance and identifies areas that warrant further investigation. It is anticipated that by presenting a book in this way for a wide spectrum of readers, collectively engaged in research, policy and practice, it will have contributed to the setting of a sharper and more relevant research agenda.

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