

# Acknowledgements

---

This book is the outcome of research conducted between October 2003 and July 2007 and is based on a PhD thesis submitted to the School of Law, University of Birmingham, in July 2006. The degree was awarded without corrections in November 2006.

I am very grateful to my supervisor, Dr Julian Lonbay, for his help and support; to Dr Eleanor Spaventa and Prof. Panos Koutrakos, my teaching mentors during the time that I spent in the School of Law at the University of Birmingham, for their encouragement; to all colleagues at the School of Law in Birmingham for their encouragement throughout my PhD; to my examiners, Prof. Anthony Arnall, Head of the School of Law, University of Birmingham, and Mr Angus MacCulloch, of the School of Law, University of Lancaster, for the excellent feedback I received in the course of an exhaustive, and exhausting, examination; to Mr Luke Adams and Ms Nep Elverd, of Edward Elgar Publishing, for their editorial assistance.

The financial assistance of the School of Law of the University of Birmingham is gratefully acknowledged.

I would also like to thank a number of colleagues at Liverpool Law School, University of Liverpool, for their continuous assistance during the preparation of the manuscript, and also for their friendly encouragement: Prof. Michael Dougan, for his invaluable feedback; Miss Eleanor Drywood and Mr Bleddyn Davies, for proofreading significant parts of this work; Dr Samantha Currie, Prof. Anu Arora and Prof. Fiona Beveridge, for their ongoing support.

Finally, special thanks are owed to Dr Alistair Clark, of the School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy of the Queen's University, Belfast, for having provided feedback on the manuscript at various stages and for his continuous care and kindness.