

# Acknowledgments

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Controlling the exercise of power will always remain a central dimension of constitutional design: the question is how this can be done in a way that supports both the democratic and often expansive economic (and other) goals that are recognized in modern constitutions. We hope that this book will stimulate further reflection concerning how the separation of powers doctrine must evolve to cope with the challenges of the twenty-first century.

