Preface

This book presents the output of a collaborative project started in June 2019 in Hamburg and updated as of summer/autumn 2020. Lawyers and economists were brought together for an investigation into, and discussion of, the interaction of law, economics and non-economic factors (such as populism) on the path leading to Brexit and in the future relations between the United Kingdom and the European Union. Three months before the end of the agreed transition period, it is still uncertain what that future will look like. The authors of this volume focus on the background, the motives and the mechanics behind the exit process. Even though, at the time of publication, we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of the Brexit process, the findings presented in this volume will remain valid.

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