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Preface to the third edition

The third edition of this book is a slightly expanded version of its predecessor. The major alteration has been the addition of a new chapter on the Human Rights Act 1998 and its initial application by the courts. The chapter dealing with the sovereignty of Parliament has been extended a little, to include more detailed treatment of the *Ranasinghe* case and of the Treaty of Union. Chapter 3, on the rule of law, has been re-organised in a rather more rational way. I have tried to resist the temptation of embarking on an 'every new case on the point' update to other chapters, and have instead used the new edition as an opportunity to elaborate on some key issues, to correct errors in the text and to smooth away some infelicities of style. The book has been retitled to reflect the new balance of its contents. But it remains an attempt to provide a cross-disciplinary introduction to the subject of public law, with a continuing emphasis placed on material drawn from political theory, political science and legal and social history. A companion website to the book containing edited versions of leading cases continues to be available at www.butterworths.com/academic.

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