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PREFACE

On a number of visits to Russia for a European Union project, I became aware of how fundamental the differences are between competing perspectives of company law and how the structural legislation which creates companies serves to apportion risks among those who have dealings with companies. This, combined with two projects on groups of companies and on corporate governance, are the foundation stones of this work which tries to see companies operating through the lens of participants and those on whom the company has an impact. Legal issues which affect the employees, shareholders and directors are focused on in separate chapters, seeking to understand the theoretical and political background which has led to the establishment of the current rules. The wider consequences of current structures for the environment and in the context of globalisation are also considered.

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