

Editors' Preface

On behalf of the Centre for European Legal Studies (CELS), Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge, the editors are pleased to present the contributions to this year's *Yearbook*. As in previous years, many of the contributions were presented as papers in the CELS' lunchtime seminar series. We are also pleased to include the text of the 2014 Mackenzie-Stuart Lecture delivered by Viviane Reding. Annual lectures are often a way of giving a focus to a contemporary issue or to a particular theme. In the *Symposium* section of this year's *Yearbook* we include the texts of some of the recent Lasok Lectures delivered annually at the University of Exeter. These lectures—edited by Leone Niglia and supplemented by his own contribution—focus in different ways on issues of 'balancing' in adjudication.

We are grateful not only to the contributors but to all the reviewers who have helped in the editing process. As ever, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Felicity Eves-Rey for providing much needed administrative support and guidance.

As editors we have been fortunate enough to work with the fantastic team at Hart Publishing and we take this opportunity to thank them for their professionalism and dedication to the publication of the *Yearbook*. Indeed, it is appropriate for us, on behalf of all the past editors of the *Yearbook*, to record our sincere gratitude to Richard Hart, Mel Hamill and to Hart Publishing for its outstanding contribution to European law scholarship. In so many ways, Hart Publishing has helped define 'European law' as a distinctive field of legal scholarship within academic publishing in the English language. Its willingness to work with authors and institutions in collaboration and partnership has been valued by the entire European law community. Now forming part of Bloomsbury Publishing and with Sinead Moloney as its new General Manager and Publisher, Hart Publishing enters a new phase in its development. We wish all those involved continued success and express our gratitude for making the *Yearbook* possible.

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