

Preface

Three years ago the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Silesia in Katowice and the Faculty of Law of the University of Leicester embarked on a joint research and academic co-operation programme with the support of the British Council in Warsaw. The programme resulted in the organisation of two academic conferences, one in Leicester on 5th December 1998 and one in Katowice on 8th May 1999. This book is the tangible result of these conferences.

The content of the book reflects the wide-ranging nature of our collaboration between the two Faculties. Very different issues were addressed over the three year period. It is hoped that the diversity of contributions will generate interest among and prove useful to a wider audience. Environmental law, public international law, intellectual and cultural property law are the main areas that are covered, but certain issues of constitutional law, European Law, social law, company law and legal education are also addressed.

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