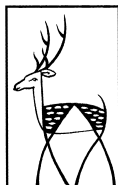


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Preface

This is the second collection of essays I have edited on the application of aspects of American constitutional law to questions and problems currently confronting British lawyers and legislators. The first collection—*A Special Relationship?*—was published in 1995 by Oxford University Press and dealt with a broad range of issues. This volume is more narrowly focused, being concerned solely with questions of freedom of expression.

I have sketched out the intellectual justification for the project in the introductory chapter, and will not rehearse those arguments here. I would however like to take the opportunity to extend my thanks to a number of people who have contributed in various ways to this book. The essays have in the main grown out of papers presented at a conference held at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in September 1996. I am much indebted both to the speakers at that conference and to the other academics who took the time and trouble to attend the proceedings and offer their views on the arguments presented. I am also much obliged to Gillian Morris, then Head of Department at Brunel, for making funds available to subsidise the costs of those proceedings.

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