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Preface

This is the fourth *Developments in British Politics* volume. All the chapters are once again new, with a new set of contributors. The editorial team has remained the same as *Developments 3* except that Ian Holliday has joined us and has quickly proved himself indispensable.

As in previous volumes individual authors were asked both to analyse recent developments in policy and events, and to review some of the crucial theories and models available for interpreting them. All authors were asked to concentrate in their chapters on the period since the downfall of Margaret Thatcher and the ending of the Cold War. We have continued the practice begun in *Developments 3* of including an Introduction which surveys major perspectives for understanding the present condition of British politics. This is followed by individual chapters on the political system, public policy, and current issues, and a final chapter, this time written by David Beetham, which provides reflections on some major themes in the study of political theory and British politics – the nature of sovereignty, the meaning of democracy, and the character of political representation. Two innovations this year are separate chapters on the Constitution and Territorial Politics. We have also chosen three new topics for the current issues section – organised interests after Thatcher, migration and the politics of race, and the media and politics.

We would like to thank our authors for cooperating with what is always a tight publishing schedule. Our publisher, Steven Kennedy, has once again provided first-class support and encouragement. We are very grateful to him. Suggestions for improving *Developments* in the future, as well as comments on – and criticisms of – the present volume are very welcome.

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