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Abbreviations

AEU	Amalgamated Engineering Union
C&AG	Comptroller and Auditor General
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CCLGF	Consultative Council on Local Government Finance
CCP	Common Commercial Policy
CCT	Compulsory Competitive Tendering
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CIPFA	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
COHSE	Confederation of Health Service Employees
COSLA	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
CPRS	Central Policy Review Staff
CSA	Campaign for a Scottish Assembly
DoE	Department of the Environment
DUP	Democratic Unionist Party
EC	European Community
EEC	European Economic Community
EETPU	Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union
EMU	European Monetary Union
EPU	European Political Cooperation
ERM	European Exchange Rate Mechanism
EU	European Union
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FDA	First Division Association
FMI	Financial Management Initiative
GCHQ	Government Communications Headquarters
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GLC	Greater London Council
GMB	General, Municipal and Boilermakers Union
GNP	Gross National Product
IEA	Institute of Economic Affairs
IGC	Intergovernmental Conference
ILEA	Inner London Education Authority

INLOGOV	Institute of Local Government Studies
IPPR	Institute for Public Policy Research
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MINIS	Management Information System for Ministers
NALGO	National Association of Local Government Officers
NAO	National Audit Office
NEC	National Executive Committee of the Labour Party
NFU	National Farmers Union
NHS	National Health Service
NICS	Northern Ireland Civil Service
NIDs	Northern Ireland Departments
NIHE	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
NIO	Northern Ireland Office
NUPE	National Union of Public Employees
OFGAS	Office of Gas Supply
OFTEL	Office of Telecommunications
OFWAT	Office of Water Services
OMCS	Office of the Minister for the Civil Service
OMOV	One Member, One Vote
OPSS	Office of Public Service and Science
OUP	Official Unionist Party
PAC	Public Accounts Committee
PLP	Parliamentary Labour Party
SDA	Scottish Development Agency
SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party
SDP	Social Democratic Party
SEA	Single European Act
SNG	Sub-National Government
SNP	Scottish National Party
SO	Scottish Office
SSA	Standard Spending Assessment
STUC	Scottish Trade Union Congress
TECs	Training and Enterprise Councils
TUC	Trade Union Congress
UDCs	Urban Development Corporations
UKREP	United Kingdom Permanent Representative in Brussels
WDA	Welsh Development Agency
WO	Welsh Office

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Preface

The original idea for a book surveying the governing institutions of the United Kingdom in the 1990s stemmed from our work on *Talking Politics*, the journal of the Politics Association. Many of the contributors to this volume had authored short articles for the journal, examining aspects of UK government, and we believed there was scope for these to be expanded, updated and moulded into a self-contained text.

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