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PREFACE

This book has grown out of a long-standing ambition to give international organizations a proper place in the English School theory of international society and one that reflects their importance in contemporary international politics. As editors we were confident that the way to do it would be to relate international organizations more carefully to processes of continuity and change in the fundamental institutions of international society, including sovereignty, diplomacy, international law, great power management, the balance of power and war. Moreover, we agreed that the project—and the discipline—would benefit from a closer engagement between English School, constructivist, liberal, legal and critical approaches to international institutions. We are grateful to the contributors for sharing this theoretical ambition, adding to it and putting it to work in rich and thoughtful studies of the relationship between fundamental institutions and global and regional international organizations.

The first steps towards this volume were taken at the 54th International Studies Association Annual Convention in San Francisco 3–6 April 2013 where the English School section organized an innovative panel to explore the relationship between international organizations and the fundamental institutions of international society. At the innovative panel, the participants—Christian Brüttsch, Tonny Brems Knudsen, Cornelia Navari and Laust Schouenborg—put forward a number of propositions which informed the English School Working Group on International Institutions from which the present volume evolved. Along the way, chapters for the volume have been presented at the ISA conferences in San Francisco 2013, Toronto 2014, New Orleans 2015, Atlanta 2016 and Baltimore 2017

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