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PREFACE

When we decided, five years ago, to publish a volume of contributions on the German system of codetermination, we felt a need for a presentation of this complex subject from both the European and the American perspective. Hence we planned this publication as a joint U.S. and European undertaking with one of the editors, Jürgen Backhaus, working at Auburn University (Alabama), and the other editor, Hans G. Nutzinger, teaching at the University of Kassel, West Germany. Most of the technical editorial work was done at the Auburn University Publication Center, and we wish to thank particularly Mrs. Bess Yellen for her continuing assistance. As one of the editors, Jürgen Backhaus, moved from the United States to the Rijksuniversiteit Limburg at Maastricht (The Netherlands), the final editorial work had to be completed at the University of Kassel. Here we would like to thank especially Mr. Andreas Beschorner for his invaluable text processing work. Also, we would like to thank the following persons from the University of Kassel: Dr. Kornelius Kraft for his valuable assistance in text processing, Mr. Dirk Reh for preparing the index, and Mrs. Kalden for her typing and organizational activities. Naturally, we are indebted to the authors for preparing and revising their contributions to this volume. Last but not least, we wish to thank the Springer Verlag, particularly Dr. Werner A. Müller and Mrs. Bopp, for their assistance and patience during the rather extended production process.

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