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We are pleased to introduce to you this first publication in the series entitled "Czech Law and the European Union"; the series represents one of the study sources to serve foreign students coming to the Prague Law Faculty to participate in the LLP Erasmus project funded by the European Union and titled "Czech Legal System in the European Context". The textbook entitled "The Introduction to Czech Constitutional Law" is the product of work of the team headed by JUDr. Jan Kudrna, Ph.D., with JUDr. Marie Šteclová, M. Jur., Ph.D., JUDr. Helena Pálová, Ph.D. and JUDr. PhDr. Miroslav Jiráček, Ph.D. as co-authors.

All textbooks in the series have been intended to assist not only European students coming to Prague within the LLP Erasmus program for one or two semesters to study at the Charles University Law Faculty, and as their Czech teachers in these courses, but also more and more to Czech (and Slovak) students and teachers of the whole Charles University and other universities, as well as to a wider legal public. We consider this trend to be very positive: in addition to the necessary legal knowledge and information the textbooks provide they also contribute to the development of communicative skills and legal English proficiency particularly regarding legal terminology, which appears to be extremely useful and needed in Europe's globalized world and unified Europe.

The textbook is subdivided into parts individually dealing with structure of Czech constitutional law, parliament, president and government, the system of relations in the Czech Republic and with human rights and their protection. Such a compact text describing Czech constitutional law in English has not been published yet, as far as we are aware of. This book seems to be a pioneering publication.

We are grateful to the team of co-authors for their work and energy spent not only on the writing of the textbook but also in the course of teaching Czech constitutional law in the English language. The co-authors are: