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PREFACE

This project came about as a way to probe ‘risk’, an apparent but not well-understood aspect of private law, and as a chance to work with some outstanding scholars from around the world. The fulfilment of those twin purposes has been a joy, and one that appears already to be inspiring further works and collaborations which promise yet more reward. The funding was provided by the Cambridge Humanities Research Grant Scheme and from the Hollond Fund, Trinity College, for which I am exceedingly grateful. Trinity also provided the setting for my last academic conference before leaving Cambridge after 15 years, to move to Oxford, and a better send-off would be hard to devise.

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