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Brief Introduction	Preface
	The contributions to this volume arise from the Employment Research Unit's annual conference held at Cardiff Business School on 14 and 15 September 1988. The central theme of the conference was the changing nature of ownership in British industry and its impact on management and development. The events which have brought ownership to a focal point of attention include the major changes brought about by economic restructuring; privatization; the growth of employee profit-sharing and share-ownership is chemes; the increased number of successful manage- met buy-outs; the growth of co-operative ventures; and the existence of private tender arrangements particularly in the Health Service and in local government. The annual conference of the Employment Research Unit has become an integral part of the expanding programme of research and scholar- ship in the Cardiff Business School. Previous conferences have covered the themes of new technology and labour-market changes, and the apanization of British industry. The financial assistance of the Economic and Research Council in staging the 1988 Conference is greatly appreciated. At Routledge, Mary Ann Kernan and Rosemary Nixon deserve credit for their encouragement of this project. And Karen Owen played a valuable role, not only in typing, but also in other activities associated with bringing this book to fruition.