

## New Book Honours Distinguished EU Lawyer

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Professor Anthony Arnull, Barber Professor of Jurisprudence at Birmingham Law School, is among the editors of (and contributors to) a collection of essays recently published by Hart Publishing to celebrate the career of Professor Alan Dashwood CBE QC.

Professor Dashwood was a leading member of the generation of British academics who organised, explained and analysed what we now call European Union law for the benefit of lawyers trained in the common law tradition. He offered Professor Arnull a place at the University of Sussex in the 1970s and later supervised his doctorate.

The collection takes as its starting point Professor Dashwood's vivid description of the European Union as a 'constitutional order of states'. He intended that phrase to capture the unique character of the Union. On the one hand, it is a supranational order characterised by its own institutional dynamics and an unprecedented level of cohesion among the national legal systems. On the other hand, it remains an organisation of derived powers, the Member States retaining their character as sovereign entities under international law. Contributors to the collection include members of the judiciary and distinguished practitioners, officials and academics. They consider the foundations, strengths, implications and shortcomings of this conceptual framework in various fields of EU law and policy.

Learn more:

- [A Constitutional Order of States? Essays in EU Law in Honour of Alan Dashwood \(http://www.hartpub.co.uk/books/details.asp?isbn=9781849460460\)](http://www.hartpub.co.uk/books/details.asp?isbn=9781849460460) at the publisher's website