The Tort Liability of Public Authorities: A Comparative Analysis

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This paper will consider the extent to which, if at all, similarities and differences between the law governing tort liability for the performance of public functions in Australia, the US and the UK can be understood and explained in terms of the institutional and political environment in which the law was developed and operates. It is part of a larger comparative project examining the relationship between administrative law controls on the exercise of public power and the structure of government interpreted broadly in terms of the institutional and political framework of governance.