

## Book Review Guidelines

These guidelines are designed to help reviewers when writing a book review for *Political Studies Review*. Book reviews are commissioned by PSR editors **ONLY**. We do not accept non-commissioned reviews or suggestions on books that should be reviewed in the journal. **If you have any additional questions, please contact PSR at [psrbookreviews@gmail.com](mailto:psrbookreviews@gmail.com).**



### Books available for review

- **You can consult the list of books available for review here:** <https://goo.gl/9suXWV>
- The publisher will send the book directly to the address you have provided. PSR does not handle shipping.

### Selection Process and Timeline

- Potential contributors should **complete the form at the link below** with their full contact information, book selection(s) and details on their research expertise/interest. We kindly ask that contributors hold a PhD or, alternatively, are in their last 2 years of PhD studies. **A CV should be provided as well as the full postal address you would like to have the book(s) shipped to.**

**Link to book reviewer request form:** <https://goo.gl/forms/AgMPPM3SNZILsJ4hq2>

- We usually expect to receive a review no later than **3 months** following receipt of the book. In case of delay, please contact us as soon as possible.

### Length and Format

- Book reviews should range between **800 and 1200 words**
- Each book review can cover **up to three books**. If a book review covers more than one book, the book selection should be coherent, and the discussion provided in the review should be transversal across the main themes of the selected books. Please let us know about your rationale for selecting the book(s) in a short paragraph when you initially submit a request to review a book(s) from the available list of books for review.
- The review should provide a **critical, fair and objective discussion** of the book(s) that goes beyond a chapter-by-chapter description. The review should discuss the main arguments of the book(s) and assess its contribution to the discipline and any potential areas for improvement. Agreeing or disagreeing with the thesis presented in the book is fine as long as it is supported by a solid argument. A balanced review will both point out areas of improvement as well as underline the book's strengths.
- Please **submit completed reviews to our editorial system**, ScholarOne, along with a short biography, on or before your deadline. Please include the full publication details of the book under review in your submission. If the review is not submitted by the deadline, it will not be published.
- Please stick to your deadline as closely as possible. If you are struggling to meet the agreed date, please contact the Editorial Assistant at [psrbookreviews@gmail.com](mailto:psrbookreviews@gmail.com).

### **Audience and Style**

- Our goal is to increase engagement with the field of political science via our book review series. Therefore, your review should be written with a wide audience in mind, including students, academics, policymakers, members of the media and the general public.
- Please write in full paragraphs (no bullet points).
- Try to restrict the number of integral quotes to the bare minimum.
- Citations should adhere to PSR guidelines, which can be found on our website (<http://journals.sagepub.com/home/psw>). Your review should be copy-edited and proofread before submission to enhance readability, minimise typographical errors and ensure factual accuracy.

### **Review Process and Publication**

- Submitted book reviews will be reviewed by the PSR Editors, who may choose to send your piece out for additional external review.
- You will then be sent feedback. You will be given the opportunity to respond to feedback and comments and to make any necessary edits before a final version is approved for publication.
- PSR Editors maintain the right to reject book reviews that do not meet PSR standards of quality or are not submitted by the deadline.
- Once a book review is accepted, you will be notified and your review will be submitted to our publishers at SAGE. You will then receive communication from SAGE regarding a proof and publishing license options.
- PSR Book Reviews appear in the final issue (Issue 4) of each year. They appear online only.

### **Tips for new reviewers**

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