

CJPS (English) Book Review Instructions

The CJPS publishes reviews of books across all subfields in political science. We prioritize reviews of books by authors at Canadian institutions, as well as books by all authors on Canadian subjects. We prioritize monographs over edited collections. In addition to reviews of individual books, we publish review essays (up to 2,000 words) of two or more intellectually related volumes, and we solicit author responses to reviews when appropriate.

If you are interested in serving as a CJPS book reviewer in English, please contact the English-language Book Review editor, **Martin Horak**, at cjpsbkry@uwo.ca. Please let us know your subject expertise, and we will be happy to invite you to review the next available book that fits your area(s) of focus. We do **not** accept unsolicited reviews. Requests to review specific books will be considered but may not be accepted.

Reviews of single books should be **no more than 800 words**. They should do the following:

- **Briefly review the book's content;**
 - What is the book's most important argument? How persuasively does the author demonstrate that argument?
- **Situate the book within its field or fields, and highlight its contribution;**
 - Why did the author(s) write this particular book and why should their colleagues read it? Does this book reorient the field, and if so, how?
- **Identify the book's key strengths;**
 - What does the book do exceptionally well?
 - Who needs this book, and for what purpose? (teaching, scholarship, etc.)
- **Offer constructive criticism.**
 - What are key limitations or problems with the book and its argument(s)?

Note that we may invite the book's author(s) to respond to your assessment of the book in a brief response piece that may be published along with your review. Please frame your commentary with this possibility in mind.