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### GUIDELINES FOR BOOK REVIEWS

CJDS/RCED is an interdisciplinary, bilingual forum where scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers explore and exchange ideas on both conventional and alternative approaches to development.

In line with its aims, CJDS/RCED will consider reviews in English and French of academic and policy works that are thought-provoking, scholarly in nature, and relevant to an interdisciplinary and international readership in international development.

In selecting reviews for publication, CJDS/RCED seeks to strike a balance between disciplinary fields, conceptual frames, and sectoral foci; theoretical, policy, and research-oriented works; and comparative and single-case studies. At this time, the journal is particularly interested in publishing reviews on works addressing issues in Canadian development policy and practice, emerging powers, conflict-affected contexts, and sectors, regions, or countries that are otherwise under-represented in the journal. Works by Canadian authors and published by Canadian presses, research, or development organisations are especially welcome.

The work should be approved by the Review Editor prior to submission of the review. Suggestions for works to be reviewed are welcome. Reviewers cannot review their own works or those with which they have a conflict of interest.

#### *General Guidelines*

Reviews should:

- Be mindful of the audience, which is interdisciplinary and international. Avoid technical jargon and overly specialised language which may be unfamiliar to a wider audience.
- Ideally be of 1000 words in length. Longer reviews will be returned for revision unless they are double reviews.
- Provide a balanced, critical analysis of the work in a thought-provoking and engaging style.

#### *Particular Considerations*

- The focus of the review should be on the academic contribution of the work to the topic and scholarship in the field and/or its significance to policy or practice.
- If the work is an edited volume or includes chapters by different authors, the review should focus on the overall theme and content. Reviewers can focus on chapters that they find particularly significant, explaining the significance in the context of the work or topic.

- Comment on the intended audience and who would find the work useful, and provide a brief background of the author/editor.
- Outline the main thesis and major objectives and how effectively they are achieved. Highlight particularly original content.
- Place the work within the current thinking, scholarship, and policy context as appropriate, providing a comparison with other works. Readers are particularly interested in how the work adds to or breaks new ground in the knowledge base.
- Analyse the soundness of methods (if appropriate).
- The review should conclude with implications for research, policy, or practice as appropriate.

#### *Formatting*

- Reviews should be double-spaced on 8.5" X 11" paper with 1" margins.
- Use in-text citations for references. Refer to CJDS/RCED journal style.
- The header of the review should include: Author(s) or editor(s) first and last name(s) (indicate if it is an edited book); title of book; year of publication; place of publication; publisher; number of pages; price (indicate paperback or hard cover) if available; ISBN. If the work is an electronic document, provide permanent URL and retrieval date.
- At the end of the review, please include reviewer's first and last names; institution and affiliation; email address.

#### *Deadline and Submission Procedure*

Reviews are expected within six weeks of receipt of the book/document by reviewers. Earlier receipt of reviews will permit faster publication in upcoming issues.

Please submit completed reviews to [cjds@uottawa.ca](mailto:cjds@uottawa.ca) with a copy to the Review Editor electronically as a Microsoft Word document. The subject heading of the email should state the review number (in the form of a code beginning with BR which will be supplied to reviewers) and the title of the work.

#### *Queries*

In the first instance, please address general queries to [cjds@uottawa.ca](mailto:cjds@uottawa.ca) with a copy to the Review Editor.

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