

Submission instructions and style guide: Book Reviews

The *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* (CJDS) provides an interdisciplinary, bilingual forum for critical research and reflection upon development theory and the complex problems of development policy and practice.

In line with its aims, the *CJDS* will consider reviews in English and French of academic and policy works that are relevant to an interdisciplinary and international readership in international development.

In selecting reviews for publication, the *CJDS* 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. Proposals for review essays must be approved by the Review Editor before submission.

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.
- Be no longer than 1,000 words in length, except in the case of review essays covering two or more works, which can be up to 2,000 words. Submissions exceeding these limits will be returned for revision.
- 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 contribution of the work(s) to 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 address 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(s) useful, and provide a brief background of the author(s)/editor(s).
- Outline the main thesis and major objectives, and how effectively they are achieved. Highlight particularly original content.

- Place the work(s) 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 the knowledge base or breaks new ground.
- 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 and set in Times New Roman font, 12-point type, with 1-inch (2.5 cm) margins.
- The header of the review should include: First and last name of the author(s) or editor(s) (indicate if it is an edited volume); book or document title(s); year of publication; place of publication; publisher; number of pages (note also the number of front-matter pages in roman numerals); ISBN; and whether the copy you reviewed was paperback or hardback edition. If the work is an electronic document, provide permanent URL and retrieval date.
- Style and reference guidelines are the same as for article manuscripts. The in-text citations and reference list should follow the Harvard system. Please consult the two documents on the publisher's webpage with [Instructions for authors](#) called **Harvard Referencing** and **Additional Sample References for CJDS**.

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. Manuscripts should be submitted online at the *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* [ScholarOne Manuscripts](#) website. The link is provided to authors in the email confirmation from CJDS of the book review assignment. Authors will need to create a user account first if they are not already registered. After logging in, click on the Author Centre. Detailed instructions and guidelines are available online throughout the submission process.

Queries

In the first instance, address general queries to cjds@sfu.ca, with a copy to the Review Editor, Dr. Prachi Srivastava, at University of Ottawa, email: prachi.srivastava@uottawa.ca.