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Guidelines for Book Reviews

What to Include in a Review

We rely on reviewers to write clear, balanced reviews of the most significant recent scholarly books in the political science, History, Communication, and legal disciplines. These reviews should be written in a manner appropriate for History and political science scholars with general knowledge of American political institutions. They should focus on the author's main arguments, but also note the work's contribution to the academic literature, along with its important shortcomings (if any). The journal will copyedit reviews and make sure they conform to our style, formatting requirements, and available space. In the rare case that a review fails to meet our standards, the Reviews and Book Editor will return it to the reviewer with instructions for revisions

Submitting a Review

Please send the book review (typed, double-spaced, in Microsoft Word 2003 or newer) as an e-mail attachment to the Reviews and Book Editor at awarber@clemson.edu

Length of Review

We ask for 900 words maximum for a single review, 1200 words for a double review, and 1500 words for a review of three or more books.

Formatting a Review

Please provide the reviewed book's author, title, publisher's location, publisher, publication year, length, and price before your review. After the review, please list your name and your school/professional affiliation on consecutive lines, justified on the right margin.

Example:

Kleinerman, Benjamin A. *The Discretionary President: The Promise and Peril of Executive Power*. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2009. 322 pages. \$34.95.

[Body of review]

Andrew Rudalevige
Dickinson College

Reference Section

For other books or articles cited in the review, please add a section for **References** after your name and professional affiliation. The Reference listings for books cited in the review should include author's name, publication year, book title, publisher's location, and publisher.

Example:

Kingdon, John. 2002. *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*, 2nd ed. New York, NY: Longman.

For articles, please include a full citation (author's name, year of publication, title of article, title of journal, season/month/number, and page numbers).

Example:

Brzezinski, Zbigniew. 2006. "A Dangerous Exemption: Why should the Israel Lobby be Immune from Criticism?" *Foreign Policy* (July-August): 63-64.

Other Important Notes

Please do not use footnotes, but include page numbers in the body of the review for direct quotes, or where there is specific reference to information in a book. Finally, please avoid excessive quotes, and be sure to use other scholars' first and last names when referencing them.

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Thank you again for your important contribution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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