CAET Guidelines for Book Review

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**General Guidelines**

The CAET editorial office usually receives a request for a book review proposal via the book author or the book publisher. It can also be commissioned by the journal editors at their discretion, though commission of a review by the journal is no guarantee of its acceptance and will always depend on a final decision by the editors. Our journal editors will assign and/or confirm the book reviewers.

Reviews should provide a clear and concise description of the book and its chapters, situate the book within the relevant literature, and present its contribution to the field. The review should also consider how the book meets its stated objectives and draws on relevant source material.

The analytical and interpretative quality of the review, its capacity of synthesis, exposition, and knowledge of the topic will be taken into consideration in the editor’s final decision to publish the review. The most important element of a review is that it is a commentary, not merely a summary. It allows you to enter dialogue and discussion with the work’s creator and with other audiences.

Reviews sent to CAET must be original and should not be or have been submitted to other publications.

A book review should not serve the interests of the book reviewer (even though obviously it’s good for the author of a book review to boost their visibility) and should refer only to the book under review.

**Length and References**

The length of book reviews should not exceed 1,500 words including references. In special cases, such as edited volumes, exceptions may be granted following discussion with the editors.

References and footnotes should follow the journal’s citation guidelines, which can be assessed under the link “[For Authors](https://caet.inspirees.com/for-authors/)”. CAET uses APA citation format.

**Structure**

Overall, reviews should follow the style guidelines for CAET’s articles.

Submissions of reviews should include a brief biographical note, with the title and affiliation of the book review author.

The review should start with the identification of the reviewed book, cited as follows: LAST NAME, First Name [of author(s) / editor(s)], translator(s) [if any], title of the book, place of publication, publisher, publication date, ISBN.

For the following main part of the review: First, a review gives the reader a concise summary of the content. This includes a relevant description of the topic as well as its overall perspective, argument, or purpose.

Second, and more importantly, a review offers a critical assessment of the content. This involves your thoughts about the work under review: what strikes you as noteworthy, whether it was effective or persuasive, and how it enhanced your understanding of the issues at hand.

Before the reference section, there is space for ‘About the Author’ with a paragraph within 80 words for the book review author. There is no need to include the bios of the book author(s).

No abstract is needed for a book review.

**Submission**

The book review should be submitted via our [submission online system](https://caet.inspirees.com/caetojsjournals/index.php/caet/about/submissions). Notification of receiving the submission and decision of acceptance for publication will be sent to the author via CAET editorial office in due time.

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