Book Review guidelines

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SEAMJ relies on publishers to send us review copies of new books to have them reviewed and published in the SEAMJ. We also actively solicit books from publishers. We are looking for scholarly monographs and collections that are relevant to the Southeast Asian region, or any country/ies in the region. Books with other focus may still be considered if the subject matters have important ramifications for the region.

Environment, globalization, migration, development, historical studies, international relations, literature and languages, public health, sociology, social policy, health economics, gender, media and anthropology receive special focus.

Book Review Guidelines

Please note: The following guidelines are for use by book reviewers who have been commissioned by a SEAMJ book review editor. Unsolicited book reviews are accepted by SEAMJ, provided they conform to these guidelines. Completed reviews should be emailed to seamj@ubd.edu.bn or returned to the book review editor who assigned it. It must be delivered as a Microsoft Word attachment in an email (double-spaced, Times New Roman font, 12 point). All papers accepted for publication are subject to copyediting by the editorial office and publishers. In some situations, reviews are subjected to a comprehensive review.

Suggestions for Writing a Book Review

A book review should evaluate the arguments of a book rather than repeat information readily available online. While it contains synopsis of the contents, it should focus more on a critical examination of the theses, evidences, argumentation, structure, and style in the context of scholarly literature.

Instructions for Preparation

The book review must contain the publication and reviewer data above the main text, using this format:


Reviewed by ….. ………., Department of …………., University of ……………. Location: Country; email: smithamy@…………..

Number of pages should include the preface—not Pp. xiv + 350 but Pp. 364. If the price is not clear on the review copy or accompanying material, use the price given on the publisher's website.
We're looking for a short review of roughly 800-1800 words, although we're open to feedback. We request that the review be sent to us within 8-12 weeks of receiving the book. Reviews should not require notes, but if other works are cited, please cite them in the text.

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