Guidelines for 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 journal 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 1.5 or double-spaced and set in Times New Roman font, 12-point type.
• The header of the review should include: full names of author(s) and editor(s); full title; year of publication; place of publication; publisher; number of pages for both main text and front matter; edition (if relevant); publication format (paperback, hardcover or e-book); and ISBN. When noting number of pages, please also list front-matter pages in roman numerals. If the publication can only be found online, please provide a permanent URL.
• Style and reference guidelines are the same as for article manuscripts.
• http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/style/layout/style_rcjd.pdf
• Description of the Journal’s reference style.

Deadline and Submission Procedure
Reviews are expected within six weeks of receipt of the book/document by reviewers.

Queries
Please direct all questions to cjds.ok@ubc.ca