

Book Review Guideline

Scope of the review

In pursuit of its mission to enhance understanding of current political, social and economic issues in Pakistan and South Asia more generally, Bloomsbury Pakistan has been publishing reviews of important and innovative books in the field of Pakistan studies for several years (<http://www.bloomsburypakistan.org/publications/>). The purpose of the reviews is not only to draw the books to the attention of scholars and general readers but to stimulate debate about the ideas and arguments that the author has put forward. To achieve this end we ask reviewers not only to summarise the argument of the book and to highlight its strengths and any weaknesses but also to situate the work in the broader context of work on Pakistan and in the appropriate academic discipline. Reviewers should feel free, in short, to engage in dialogue with the book and to encourage readers of the reviews to do the same. At the end of each review there is a moderated comment box intended to stimulate debate. PDF copies of the book reviews are produced for the online channels such as JStor.

Procedure

If you are interested and excited by this invitation, Bloomsbury Pakistan would appreciate receiving your review within three months. All reviews are read by the editorial team before publication and we may get back to you with comments and suggestions. The final decision on publication rests with the editorial team. We are flexible on length but a review that meets the criteria set out above is not likely to be less than 1000 words long, and probably no more than 2500 (on average the book reviews are 1500 words long). The final decision to publish rests with the editorial team, who may request revisions/change of emphasis to bring the review within the overall scope set out above, or may decline to publish a review that is deemed inappropriate.

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Presentation

Please place full bibliographic details at the head of your review as in the following example:

Legal Integration of Islam: A Transatlantic Comparison. By Christian Joppke and John Torpey. 215 pp. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press (2015). ISBN 978-0-674-07284-8.

All quotations from the book under review should have page numbers. All other references are to be embedded in text in Harvard style, e.g. (Zaidi, 2004), or Zaidi (2004), and compiled in a list of references at the end.