Guidelines for Book Reviewers

Japan Review solicits book reviews from qualified individuals able to assess the book's contribution to the field.

The best book reviews should provide an overview of the key arguments and interventions the book is seeking to make. This is generally more useful than a chapter-by-chapter breakdown of the book's contents.

Try to give readers the argument and context within which the work positions itself, then move on to note any important innovations or findings that emerge from the empirical details the book offers.

Be generous regarding the book's contribution, thinking about whether it achieves its stated aims (rather than what the reviewer may want it to achieve), and how those aims may contribute to ongoing discussions, which could be beyond the field within which the book situates itself.

Try to emphasize a work's possible contributions in the future; to particular discussions, courses, or in tandem with related work or projects.

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