

BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES

Thank you for agreeing to review a book for the *Journal of Latin American Geography*. Here are some helpful guidelines for your review.

CONTENT OF THE REVIEW

- The review should concisely summarize the content and offer a critical assessment of the book.
- Avoid a simple chapter-by-chapter summary of the book.
- For edited volumes, avoid summarizing every chapter. Unfortunately, you will probably have to ignore some contributions in an edited volume.
- Try, when possible, to place the book within the context of a broader field of research. This means putting the book in dialogue with published works, as well as laying out directions for further research.
- References to other works should be kept to a minimum and must follow the [JLAG style guide](#).
- When quoting from the book you are reviewing, always provide the page numbers for the quotes. Please leave quotations in their original language.
- Often, book reviews are written in a less academic tone, with potential for broader appeal beyond a scholarly audience. Many scholars use the book review as a chance to experiment with their authorial voice. We encourage you to write in a vivid, fluid, and spirited style.
- Be honest, yet fair-minded and respectful, in your evaluation of the book's merits. Please avoid being excessively unkind or hostile in your review.

FORMAT

- The review should begin with a heading containing the bibliographic data. This is the basic template:

Author(s) or Editor(s).

Title and Subtitle [italics].

Place of Publication: Name of Press, Date. pp. [both Roman and Arabic numerals]; maps, diagrams, tables, ill., notes, appendices, references, index [include these as appropriate]. \$00.00 paper (ISBN); \$00.00 hardcover (ISBN); \$00.00 e-book (ISBN).

- The bibliographic data should be in the language of the book review. Here is a model entry:

Guy Edwards and J. Timmons Roberts.

A Fragmented Continent: Latin America and the Global Politics of Climate Change.

Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2015. xxi + 274 pp. Table, notes, references, index. \$26.00 paper (ISBN 978-0-262-02980-3); \$52.00 hardcover (ISBN 978-0-262-52811-5); \$18.00 e-book (ISBN 978-0-262-33014-5).

- The reviewer's data comes at the end of the review: name, institutional affiliation.
- All paragraphs of the review should be indented. Use 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced and left-aligned. The review should be 800-1200 words long, but especially important works may merit a longer review. If there are any questions about the appropriate length, please consult the Book Review Editor, Dr. Jörn Seemann (jseemann@bsu.edu).
- We usually request that the review be completed within three months of receipt of the book. If this timing does not work in your schedule, please negotiate a mutually agreeable deadline with the Book Review Editor.
- All book reviews should be submitted via JLAG's [Digital Commons](#) platform.

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