

Guidelines for Book Reviews to be Published in SINHAS

Normally the word length for a review of a single book is a maximum of 1500 words (+ - 10%). When two books are reviewed jointly, the normal word length is 2000–2500 words. However in both cases, we have published longer reviews as well because of the exceptional nature of their contents.

For books in the social sciences, we expect the reviewer to say what the book does or tries to do before providing her critique. The former might entail locating it in the relevant thematic or area studies literature and the latter would entail, at least, criticisms of factual and other inaccuracies as well as differences in interpretation arising from alternate readings of the “evidence” included (or not included) in the book. After reading the first draft, SINHAS editors sometimes ask reviewers to revise their reviews in order to further clarify the arguments/criticisms they are making.

Style requirement

Each review begins with the basic publication information about the book (please follow the format below exactly). E.g.

Heather Hindman. 2013. *Mediating the Global: Expatria’s Forms and Consequences in Kathmandu*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Each review ends with the reviewer’s name in bold and affiliation in two separate lines, right-side aligned. If the reviewer is not associated with any institution, she can put down the city where she lives. E.g.

Dipika Sherchan
Social Science Baha

or

Dipika Sherchan
Kathmandu

When a reviewer quotes from the work being reviewed, she should make sure that the quote is exact and accurate or if some words are omitted, they are indicated accordingly. Also the quote should be followed by a page reference. E.g.

She mentions that the feminist in her struggled to come to terms with herself and writes, “I had fallen into what my addled feminist brain saw as the lowliest category of all: I’d followed a man” (p. 71).

References to other important works can be cited in the review text. If this is done, the reviewer should list cited references under a bold heading **References** at the end of the review (just before her name). The entries therein should be done according to SINHAS style general guidelines.

Each reviewer gets a pdf of the entire book review section and a copy of the issue of SINHAS in which her review is published. If you do not live in Nepal, please provide your mailing address to the SINHAS editors. If you have further queries or would like to review a book for SINHAS, please contact one of the editors.