Guidelines for Authors of Book Reviews for the Journal of Strategic Contracting and Negotiation (JSCAN)

People interested in submitting book reviews are encouraged to do so. Please first communicate with the book review editor Dr Helena Haapio: helena.haapio@lexpert.com.

We warmly welcome book reviews. Please note the guidelines and expectations listed here.

Ideally a book review will be approximately **1,200 – 1,500 words** (for larger volumes and more complex books we will allow a slightly higher word count).

**In your review please be sure to include:**

- Author or Editor names, year of publication, book title, publisher and place published, volume or edition if applicable, number of total pages, ISBN number, and the price in UK Pounds or US Dollars.


- Please ensure your review is fair, balanced, thorough and objective (in that there are no vested interests, conflict of interest or personal bias for or against the author). As we say in cricket, play the ball not the man (or woman); review the book not the author.
- Tell us what the book is about, its aims and objectives and how well it has achieved those aims. Be clear about the contribution it is trying to make, and whether this was achieved, and to what extent. What was done well, what could have been better?
- As you write your review, please be clear about the audience – who is the book for, who is it relevant to, why should they read it, or not read it?
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- Provide a title to your review
- Approximately 1,200 – 1,500 words in length
- Use a legible font, 12pt.
- When referring to page numbers please use p.page, or pp.page-ranges (e.g. p.27; pp.27-35)
- Do not use roman numerals to refer to parts or chapters, and please capitalize chapters if you are referring to them (for example, see Part 3 – not Part III, and Chapter 3, rather than chapter 3)
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