

Guidelines for book reviews

Short description & aim

A book review is a critical analysis and evaluation on the quality and importance of a book. The chosen book has to contribute to the general knowledge of a linguist and cover a topic within the field of linguistics.

Language, length and title

The review can be written in English or Dutch. Its length cannot exceed 1500 words. Please include an interesting title for your review (not the title of the book you reviewed). Add an English translation of your title if the review is in Dutch.

Structure

A book review consists of the following parts, in this order:

- Title of the book
- Name of the author of the book
- ISBN Number
- Name of the author of the review
- Main text

To help you start your review, a few things you should include are the following:

- General subject matter of the book;
- Significance for the field of linguistics;
- Strengths and weaknesses of the book;
- Evaluation in terms of how interesting, accurate and useful the book is;
- General information about the author (authority within the field).

Please note that although the book review does not need to be written in academic English, the author is accountable for adapting his or her writing to readers of different backgrounds.

Authors

The author's name and institutional affiliation(s) should be included as follows:

- First and last name plus the first letters of all the authors first names, e.g. A.B.C. (Arnold) de Vries;
- Department, University, city, country.

Picture

Please include a picture of the cover of the book you have reviewed in the highest quality possible (150-300 dpi) and send it as an attachment.

Formatting

- Please submit your article in a Microsoft Word document (.docx).
- Use the Times New Roman font, size 12, with double spacing. Use indentation to mark paragraphs.
- The title and subtitle of the article as well as paragraph headings within the article should be in **bold**.

- Titles of books, periodicals etc., mentioned in the text should be *italicized*.
- Words or phrases cited as linguistic examples, words referred to as words and foreign words should be *italicized*.
- Quotations running no more than four lines should appear between “double quotation” marks. Longer quotations should be set off from the text using white lines and indentation.