Mission statement Journal of European Integration

Book review article section

With this issue of the Journal of European Integration, the new review article section will replace the book review section foremost edited by my predecessor, Ian Bache. In moving beyond the discussion of individual monographs and edited volumes, the review article section intends to provide accessible review articles for academics and students alike covering 3-5 newly published books of various fields of European integration, European political economy, law, history, and sociology. European integration is understood as pan-European rather than as merely the EU, though the bulk of contributions might be devoted to the latter.

Review articles start off with a brief overview of relevant existing literature to, then, assess the newly published works empirically, theoretically and methodologically. This gives readers concision in reviews, and enhanced scope of coverage.

Future review articles will deal with a diversity of issues ranging from very topical issues such as the European financial governance structure to less well entrenched literatures. The first review article to be published in this section looks at the process of European economic integration. Johanna M. Oettel reviews three books on the European financial markets and their political and institutional aspects. Other review articles will assess recent scholarly efforts in understanding the logic of integration in European Security and Defence Policy; Better Regulation; and the EU's search for a European identity.

The reviews editor encourages the submission of proposals which should include a review theme and the body of literature to be discussed. The editor is keen for reviewers to make grounded criticisms and to benchmark books dispassionately against professional standards. Review articles must not exceed 3,000 words in length. Please submit proposals by email to:

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