

Guideline for online Book Reviews by the Association of Ethiopian Historians

The Association of Ethiopian Historians (AEH) publishes reviews of books on Ethiopian history on the basis of the historical merit, topicality and significance of the work. For this, the Association has adopted two modalities. The first are commissioned reviews. These are reviews that will be assigned to qualified reviewers by the AEH Publication Committee. Authors can also submit unsolicited reviews via email to the Committee. Final decision on acceptance of reviews rests with the Committee.

The Reviewed works should demonstrate all, but not limited to, the following academic qualities:

- The reviewer must demonstrate a clear understanding of the work under review and familiarity with the broader subject;
- Reviews should provide a clear and concise description of the book and its theme, situate the book within the relevant literature, and demonstrate its contribution to the field. The review should also consider how the book meets its stated objectives and draws on relevant sources: primary, secondary and oral.
- Appraise the book. A review must be a considered judgment that includes: a statement of the reviewer's understanding of the author's purpose; how well the reviewer feels the author's purpose has been achieved; and evidence to support the reviewer's judgement of the author's achievement.
- The analytical and interpretative quality of the review, its capacity of synthesis, exposition, and knowledge of the topic will be taken into consideration in the Committee's final decision to publish the review.
- The methodology and sources employed in the book.
- The contribution of the work in relation to previous works.
- Biographical information about the author that is relevant to the subject of the review and enhance the reader's understanding of the work under discussion.
- The review should start with the identification of the reviewed book, cited as follows: Name [of author(s) / editor(s)], translator(s) [if any], title of the book, place of publication, publisher, publication date, number of pages, price.
- The review should end with the reviewer's name and institution.
- Review authors should use professional language and be courteous in the language they use.

Criteria for submission

- Book reviews submitted to the AEH Publication Committee for possible publication must be original and should not be or have not been submitted to other publications.
- The review work should demonstrate originality, historical skill that conforms with the discipline of history and historiography

Format and style

- The length of the review depends on the nature of the book and the analysis. In general AEH expects a single book review to be 1500- 2000 words; a review of two or more books could go up to a maximum of 3000 words.
- The review should be double spaced, in Times New Roman, 12-point font.
- References and footnotes should be prepared in standard Scientific Journal Style and Format **using the Chicago Turabian manual**
- Submissions of reviews should include a brief biographical note, with title and affiliation of the author.
- Language of the reviews: Ethiopian languages and English.