

Book Proposal Guidelines

Please email us a proposal which follows the guidelines below. At this stage we only want 4-5 pages: we'll ask for sample chapters or clarification if we need it.

1. Working title of the book. Please supply a couple of suggestions for the title of your book.
2. Name of the author(s)/editor(s)
3. Contact details for all the author(s)/editor(s): postal address and email address.
4. Please supply a 100-200 word author blurb, including relevant book publications and your present job.
5. Purpose, aims and focus of the book. This is your main opportunity to persuade us to commission your book, so please be clear about what is unique/interesting/innovative about your manuscript.
 - For manuscripts based on PhD theses, outline how the book you are proposing differs from your thesis, and why you believe a book publication is the most appropriate avenue of publication for your work.
 - For edited books, please outline how the collection came together (did you commission the chapters or were they selected from a general call or a conference?) As editors, what steps do you plan to take to ensure that the collection of chapters functions as a coherent whole, and to ensure consistent quality?
6. Chapter by chapter breakdown of the contents, including a paragraph or two summarising the contents of each chapter. If your book is an edited collection, please include abstracts and author details for each chapter.
7. Clear indication of the market and intended readership. If students or teachers form part of your intended readership, please indicate what aspects of your book will particularly interest them, and which courses the book would be relevant to if applicable.
8. Other books which address the same market as your proposed book. N.B. this is your chance to demonstrate how your book fits within the existing literature, current theoretical and methodological discussions etc.
9. Please suggest which of our series you think your book will fit into. We may suggest an alternative if we think it is more appropriate.
10. Predicted length in number of words (a page estimate isn't any use to us).
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