

Peer Review of Asia in Transition Series

1. Once the proposal is received, the series' board performs a pre-review of the "proposal" inside the editorial committee. There is a preliminary discussion within the board, and the members then write the evaluation. At this stage, the main aspects that are evaluated are the strength of the proposal, the CVs of the proposed authors / editors (mostly in terms of verifying the competences within the topic proposed), and the pertinence and relevance of the work within the scope of the series. If the editor/ author is a board member, the proposal is made anonymous in all the recognizable parts in order to avoid a conflict of interest.
2. During the pre-review, the editorial board also looks at the quality of the English language, should any recommendations for language editing be required.
3. If the pre-review is successful, in accordance with Springer regulations, the series editor writes a letter of endorsement for the proposal and submits the editorial board reviews to the publisher. The authors/ editors are informed, and asked to take into account the comments from the editorial board and series editor. The authors / editors are issued a contract.
4. When the manuscript is submitted, it undergoes one internal review by the series editor and board, and one external single blind review by the publisher. Reviewers have four options: acceptance without revisions, acceptance with minor revisions, acceptance with major revisions, or rejection. If both reviews accept the manuscript (regardless of the amount of revisions required), the publication process proceeds, provided of course that such revisions are applied by the proponent/s. If there is one rejection and one full acceptance, a third review is required.
5. During the revision of their manuscript, proponent/s are asked to make their changes visible in the text and, when they disagree with remarks, to explain the grounds for their disagreement.
7. Occasionally, reviewer/s may ask to take a second look to the manuscript, after the revisions, in order to give a final approval.



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