

# MONOGRAPHS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF FINLAND

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS AND EDITORS

### HOW TO SUBMIT A BOOK PROPOSAL

A book proposal must include the following:

- 1) Title and author(s) or editor(s)
- 2) An abstract (up to one page) defining the scope and contents of the volume, the research it relates to and any relevant background information about its national and international relevance.
- 3) A table of contents
- 4) A suggested timeline that is as realistic as possible allowing enough time for peer review and any corrections. In general, the volume should be published within two years from the approval of the proposal.
- 5) An outline of the reference system, layout and graphic design; the latter may already be presented in detail but may also give only an example that will be followed or a person/company that will be responsible for the design with an outline of the goals of the design.
- 6)
  - a) For single-author (or two or three author) volumes, the names of up to two or three potential referees for the volume
  - b) For PhD theses accepted by (Finnish) Universities, please provide the review reports of the PhD thesis, a detailed response to reviewer comments and the permission to defend a thesis
  - c) For monographs based on PhD theses, please provide the review reports of the PhD thesis, a detailed response to reviewer comments and the names of one or two potential referees for the volume
  - d) For edited collections of papers, an outline of the peer review process. Please note that all paper manuscripts must be evaluated by (at least) two independent reviewers who are PhDs or other experts in the field. Please specify if the peer review process will be double-blind, single-blind, or open.
- 7) CVs and lists of publications of author(s) or editor(s)
- 8) Optional: an introduction (for edited collections of papers) or a sample chapter

### APPROVAL FOR PUBLICATION

Book proposals will be evaluated by the Editor-in-Chief and the editorial board. The editorial board in conjunction with the Editor-in-Chief will decide if the proposal in question will be accepted or rejected. Preferably all members of the editorial board will take part on decisions on the acceptance or rejection but at least six members and the Editor-in-Chief must take part in any decision on such matters. If the proposal is accepted, the Editor-in-Chief will inform the author(s) or editor(s).

## PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

SINGLE-AUTHOR (OR TWO OR THREE AUTHOR) MONOGRAPHS will go through a double-blind peer review by two external referees. Based on the suggestion of the referees, the editorial board and Editor-in-Chief will decide if the monograph will be accepted for publication with 1) no revision 2) with minor revision or 3) with major revision. For such books, the peer review label of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies will be used.

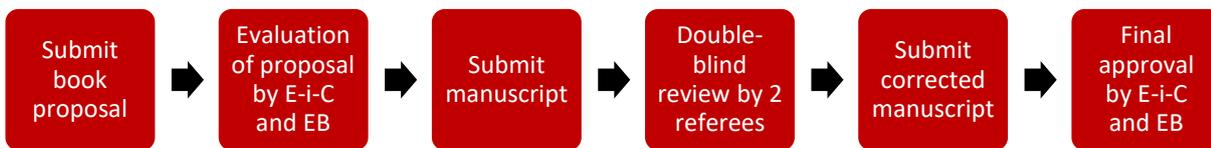


FIGURE 1. PEER REVIEW PROCESS OF SINGLE-AUTHOR (OR TWO OR THREE AUTHOR) MONOGRAPHS.

PHD THESES accepted at (Finnish) Universities can be accepted for publication in MASF based on the reviews of two examiners nominated by a (Finnish) University and the permission to defend a thesis. The author must provide the editorial board and Editor-in-Chief with the reviews of the PhD thesis, a detailed response to the reviewer comments and the permission to defend a thesis. Based on these documents, Editor-in-Chief and the editorial board will decide if the thesis will be accepted for publication in MASF. For such books, the peer review label of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies will **not** be used.

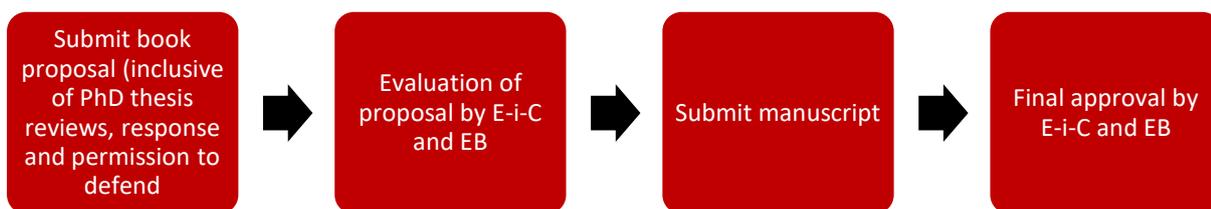


FIGURE 2. PEER REVIEW PROCESS FOR PHD THESES APPROVED BY FINNISH UNIVERSITIES.

MONOGRAPHS BASED ON PHD THESES that have previously been reviewed by two external reviewers will go through a double-blind peer review by one external referee. In such cases, the author must provide the editorial board and Editor-in-Chief with the reviews of the PhD thesis and a detailed response to the reviewer comments. Based on the suggestion of the referee and the review material of the PhD thesis, the editorial board and Editor-in-Chief will decide if the monograph will be accepted for publication with 1) no revision 2)

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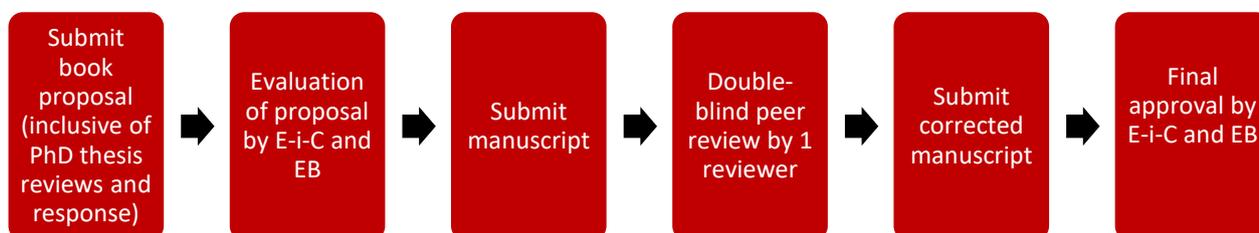


FIGURE 3. PEER REVIEW PROCESS FOR MONOGRAPHS BASED ON PHD THESES.

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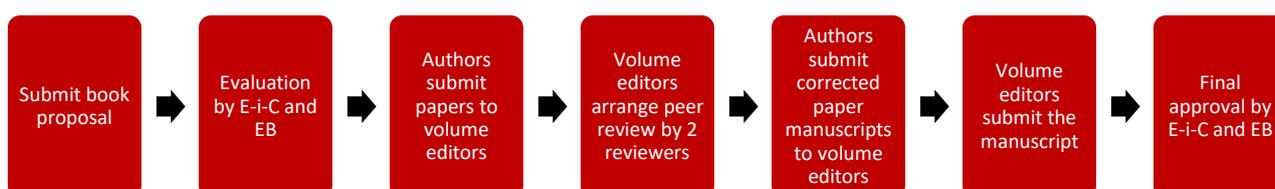


FIGURE 4. PEER REVIEW PROCESS FOR EDITED COLLECTIONS OF PAPERS.

#### NOTES ON THE PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

The peer review process will focus on the comprehensiveness of the material and the mastering of the theoretical framework, reliability and accuracy of the research implementation as well as the originality and novelty of the results in relation to earlier research, according to the standards of the discipline in question.

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## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MANUSCRIPT

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