

Publishing information

The high quality of SKS academic publications is ensured with our meticulous peer review process. We publish scholarly literature in print, e-book, as well as with select works, open access online formats. We are happy to accept book suggestions on scholarly works in the fields of humanities.

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Academic Manuscript Submission

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Send your manuscript or book project introduction as an e-mail attachment, in doc or rtf format, to tiedekirjat@finlit.fi. Questions regarding academic books or publishing should be directed to the SKS [publishing coordinator](#).

Your cover letter, included with the book suggestion or manuscript, should contain the following:

- introduction of the author(s)
- summary of the work
- tentative list of contents
- SKS series the work is being offered for
- new information presented in the work
- why the book was written, and for whom
- what is the book's intended use
- marketing ideas
- estimation of scope for the final manuscript (preferably no. of characters including spaces)
- possible illustration requirements, image sources

Submitted book suggestions are pre-evaluated by the publisher, after which they are the responsibility of the academic series' specific [publishing committee](#).

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Peer Review

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The publishing committee or the Studia Fennica series editor-in-chief will decide, based on the experts' reviews, whether or not the manuscript is accepted or rejected, or if changes are requested from the author. In the case that the author is requested to make changes, they are asked to draft a

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Book Acceptance and Editing

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Marketing materials are designed in cooperation with the author. The author is asked to send a short introduction on the book to the publisher, which is used as a base for the marketing introduction.

Book publication

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