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## Summary:

Reality publishes essays and book reviews online year-round. Essays serve an important function for the philosophical endeavor: for not every idea that is worth publishing and discussing is one which can be developed into an Article, either because the idea remains inchoate and needs external stimulation (engagement by others) to develop or simply because we are too pressed for time and too strongly committed to other obligations. These may be serious but still-developing philosophical inquiries or budding inspirations on any number of topics—which are not suitable for publication in other journals, either as not meeting their submission criteria or because the topics are outside the scope of what those journals regularly seek.

Similarly, one might, upon reading a book, have many thoughts about its philosophical merits or demerits, and wish to share those with others—but most journals are looking for reviews only of specific and especially newer books. Reality holds to no such restrictions: whether the book was published in 2019 or 330BC, a good review is always welcome. This review might consist in an overview, focus in on a particular topic, or even take a critical and contrary stance.

Submission guidelines are the same for both essays and book reviews, and submissions are accepted from professors, PhDs, graduate students, and any other authors who can demonstrate suitable qualifications (e.g., previously published work).

**Note:** submissions are accepted year-round and accepted or rejected within weeks. There is no mandatory peer-review, though *responses* to already-published essays and reviews are welcomed. Editorial acceptance of submissions does not constitute a process of peer-review, but rather the judgment of the editors that the submission is *interesting* and *well-written*.

## Submission Guidelines

**Length:** 2,000-5,000 words. We view length restrictions as guidelines. If an Essay is a few hundred words short or long, this will not be cited as a reason for rejection. If considerably over, we may suggest publication as a multi-part piece or transforming it into an Article.

**Footnotes:** all references must be placed in footnotes; submissions containing endnotes will not be accepted. Bibliographic sourcing and footnote formatting should be done according to Chicago Style, although the editors recommend the practice of historical layering (including date of composition in all footnotes, rather than date of the particular version's publication).

**Keywords:** it is recommended that Essay submissions contain 2-6 keywords sometime before publication.

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