

Book Proposal Verfassungsbücher

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I. About the editor(s)

1. Name
2. Position/Affiliation
3. List three of your publications most relevant to the content of the proposed book

II. Description of the book

1. (Provisional) title/subtitle
2. Abstract (maximum 150 words)

3. Scholarly and societal context and added value

4. Outline

5. Structure of the edited volume

- a. chapters/subchapters (preliminary table of contents);

- b. Short summary of each contribution: What are they about? How do they build on one another? What overarching narrative or argument does the volume develop?

- c. List of (potential) contributors

6. Readership/Audience

7. Relation to previous Verfassungsbooks

III. Further Information

1. Estimated timeline
 - a. Requests for contribution
 - b. Deadline for submissions
 - c. Review by editors
 - d. Submission of the manuscript
 - e. Publication

(After submission, our editors will review all contributions before publishing them as blog posts on Verfassungsblog. Once the online symposium concludes, we begin preparing the Verfassungsbook. The process from the end of the symposium to the publication of the book typically takes about four months)

2. Funder information (name and grant number) and scope of funding regarding publication (if applicable)

IV. What you should know

1. Review

All book proposals are reviewed by at least one member of our Advisory Board. Volume editors are responsible for ensuring the scholarly quality of contributions. The manuscripts will be subject to editorial review and, if necessary, to review by one or more of our Advisory Board Members.

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2. Format

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