

**BTP2BA\_T\_2**  
**WRITING BOOK REVIEWS**  
**Spring semester, 2021**

**Course syllabus**

**Title:** Writing Book Reviews

**Format:** seminars and consultations

**Credit number:** 2 for attending the course + 5 for publishing the review

**Programme:** Ph.D.

**Teacher:** István Rác

**Time:** Friday 10.00-11.40

**Room:** Országh Seminar Room (119)

**Prospectus:** The aim of this course is to develop students' skills to write book reviews about scholarly works for scholarly journals. Group work will include studying and discussing reviews from various journals, identifying the audience and the aim of reviews, structuring the text, and avoiding typical mistakes. Each student will need to continuously work on a review during the semester.

**Course requirements:** Each student will need to produce a publishable book review to get credits for the course. Regular attendance is required. In case you are unable to attend a class for whatever reason, you are kindly asked to let me know in advance so that we can discuss how you can make up for it. Students will be encouraged to help one another with their comments.

**Texts:** All texts to be discussed will be sent out electronically or distributed previously.

**Grading** will be based on your course work and the quality of your book review.

*Due to the pandemic, the course will start online. Students will be notified about any change in time.*

**SCHEDULE**

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
2	21/2	The audience and function of book reviews
4	6/3	Information and evaluation in book reviews
5	13/3	Structuring a book review
11	24/4	Specific features of writing about literature/history
13	8/5	Discussing students' book reviews