Economists, on the whole, do not take books very seriously. This is reflected in the reviewing practices of most economics journals, in which single paragraph notes and thousand word or less reviews abound. In initiating the book review section of *Methodus*, we would like to take books seriously. Reviewers will be given sufficient space to present intellectually engaged reviews. Inevitably, this means that fewer books will be given more extensive reviews. The model will more that of *The New York Review of Books* or *The London Review of Books* than of the *Journal of Economic Literature*.

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