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Any new academic community faces the challenge of forging its distinctive identity. This is especially true for the vibrant and diverse range of participants now drawing together under the renewed banner of Law and Political Economy. Inaugurating the *Journal of Law and Political Economy* is an exciting step in establishing one of the material loci which can help center the field. The fascinating and trenchant articles published in this first volume are a testament to this promise.

The Book Review section for *JLPE* hopes to serve a similar but distinct role in building this identity in an inclusive and expansive fashion. Selecting books to review for any journal involves an idea of what work in some way falls within a conceptual rubric. While scholars now consciously take up Law and Political Economy (LPE) as self-identifying label, numerous strands of scholarship produced around the world also achieve the aims of LPE implicitly or without direct knowledge of its instantiation in the United States. As such, the Book Review section aspires to include the work of junior and senior scholars alike who claim LPE but also those who we would like to claim ourselves. What we review signals to a wider audience the inclusive imaginations of LPE which can build a stronger and more robust community.

To our inaugural readers, we want to hear from you about new and incisive work that you would want to review or think should be reviewed. We seek recommendations from and of senior and junior scholars alike to help bridge the generational cohorts who come to LPE at different stages of their careers. The content of the Book Review section will routinely include the traditional single monograph review, but we also welcome extended multi-volume reviews tracking or articulating trends in the field.

As is often discussed, LPE looks to recapture intellectual traditions from the past in the process of advancing newer syntheses. As a result, and more distinctly, we look forward to periodically publishing longer pieces under the banner “Classics Reconsidered or Reimagined.” Here we seek reviews of classic works in the LPE spirit that an author can engage with to recover or reinterpret important contributions for LPE moving forward. Such reviews could be predominantly critical or laudatory, but ideally will be focused on their potential for reconstruction.

As an interdisciplinary and comparative scholar who has found resonance in the LPE renaissance, I am deeply honored to take on some small role in this act of community formation—especially under such inspiring editorial leadership. Please feel free to contact me any time with suggestions and recommendations as *JLPE* begins its evolution.

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