Publication process at Leiden University Press

Proposal (average time: 1 to 2 months).
The editorial board of Leiden University Press will discuss your proposal, or, if your topic fits one of the LUP book series, the series editors and the editorial board of this specific book series will consider your proposal.

You will receive a provisional contract and the Submission and Styleguide of LUP if the editorial board accepts the proposal.

Peer review (average time: 2 to 4 months).
Two readers will review your anonymized manuscript. These reviewers can indicate whether they want to disclose their names to you. Based on the reader reports (and any suggestions from the series editors), we will ask you for a revision plan and a timeline, which the editorial board will evaluate. Leiden University Press will not proceed if the reviewers advise against publication. This decision is non-negotiable.

Revision and Approval
Revision of the manuscript
Submission of the revised manuscript and evaluation by the editorial board.
Approval of the manuscript or further revisions.

Submission of the final draft of the manuscript
Office checks (average time: 1 to 2 weeks)
We will check your manuscript for completeness, consistency, correct language, and Style Guide Conformity. If applicable, technical revision and delivery of missing material by you.
Administrative checks at the office and approval for production
Desk Editing contacts you with a production planning

Production (average time: 4 to 5 months)
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