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- c) An extended (essay style) review of a book or books pertinent to the journal;
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Book Chapters:

Westphal, KR. 2006. Science and the philosophers. In *Science — A Challenge to Philosophy?* Ed. by HJ Pihlstrom, S Vilkkko, and R Koskinen. Bern, Switzerland: Peter Lang.

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