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The birth of the Palestinian refugee problem revisited / Morris, B. - 2nd ed. - Cambridge (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Cambridge University Press, 2004. - xxii, 640 p. : maps, bibl., index. - (Cambridge Middle East studies / Tripp, C. (ed.) ; 18)

This edition succeeds and replaces, Benny Morris : "The birth of the Palestinian refugee problem", 1988
ISBN : 0-521-00967-7

INDEX TERMS : refugees; Palestinians; Israelis; forced relocation; history; expulsion; causes of flight; exodus; government policy; armed conflict; violence; settlements; international relations
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Palestine; Israel

This revised edition of the 'The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem, 1947-1949' revisits the 1948 war and the Palestine exodus on the basis newly opened Israeli military archives and intelligence documentation. Drawing on previously classified primary and archival sources, the author discusses the myths and realities of the exodus, what happened in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa, and how these events led to the collapse of Palestinian urban society. The study proceeds chronologically, from the UN General Assembly Partition Resolution, 1947, to the collapse of the Lausanne peace conference in 1949. In examining the exodus, the study proceeds geographically, from area to area. The study contains three maps detailing the UN Partition Plan of November 1947; the Arab settlements abandoned in 1948-9 and the date and main causes of abandonment; and the Jewish settlements established in the same year. The maps are followed by extensively detailed keys.

Coming home? Refugees, migrants, and those who stayed behind / Long, L.D.; Oxfeld, E. - Philadelphia (PA) : University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004. - viii, 275 p. : bibl., index
ISBN : 0-8122-3751-X

INDEX TERMS : refugees; internally displaced persons; migrants; returnees; repatriation; armed conflict; genocide; detention; resistance movements; family; UNHCR; return migration; reintegration; community relations
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Barbados; Bosnia and Herzegovina; China; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Germany; Nicaragua; Philippines; Rwanda; Viet Nam; Balkans

This book addresses refugee return movements and their effects on both the communities to which people return and on the returnees themselves. The contributors to this volume provide a series of ethnographic case studies to develop a comparative analysis of return. Return ranges from short visits to permanent repatriation, from a person's original place of origin to a reconstructed homeland, and from voluntary to coerced movements. The definition of return also includes the processes leading to returns. The geographic regions covered include Ethiopia, Eritrea, Rwanda, Nicaragua, Barbados, the Balkans, Germany, China, Vietnam and the Philippines.

The ethics and politics of asylum: liberal democracy and the response to refugees / Gibney, M.J. - Cambridge (United Kingdom); New York (NY); Melbourne (Australia) : Cambridge University Press, 2004. - x, 287 p. : bibl., index
ISBN : 0-521-80417-5

INDEX TERMS : refugees; asylum seekers; government policy; asylum policy; immigration policy; migrant workers; family reunification; value systems; democracy; refugee status determination procedures; ethnic identity; country of first asylum; state; humanitarian assistance; refugee impact
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Germany; United Kingdom; United States; Australia

In the last two decades, asylum has become a highly charged political issue across developed countries, raising many ethical and political questions. Asylum brings into relief a conflict between the claims of refugees escaping desperate economic and political conditions and the claims of citizens of host countries to limit access to the territory and resources of their community. This book draws upon political and ethical theory and examines the experiences of the US, Germany, the UK, and Australia to see how they respond to the challenges of asylum. The author brings together the ethical and practical lessons learnt. While recognizing that the integrative abilities of any state are politically constructed, the author proposes the criteria of humanitarianism as the best available common standard if states want to provide morally defensible responses to refugees.

Les étrangers aux frontières de l'Europe et le spectre des camps / Caloz-Tschopp, M.-C. - Paris : La Dispute, 2004. - 251 p. : bibl.
ISBN : 2-84303-092-7

INDEX TERMS : refugees; migrant workers; asylum policy; immigration policy; human rights violations; national security; regional security; Schengen Convention; nationality; forcible return; detention of asylum seekers; expulsion
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe; Switzerland

En pointant du doigt les politiques contre l'immigration et les demandes d'asile, Marie-Claire Caloz-Tschopp dénonce avec force les politiques xénophobes des pays européens. Critique sévère des systèmes de détention mis en oeuvre en Europe, cet ouvrage explique comment les droits de l'homme les plus fondamentaux sont bafoués. Zone imperméable et ultra-sécurisée, l'espace Schengen ne reconnaît de droits réels qu'à ses propres citoyens, et dans une course effrénée vers l'hermétisme, retient puis expulse des étrangers considérés " superflus " pour notre société. En illustrant son ouvrage d'exemples frappants et de philosophes célèbres, l'auteur accuse l'ampleur et l'intensité démesurée des politiques de régulation migratoire. Son livre combine l'analyse des politiques migratoires, au plus près des faits saillants (dissuasion, enfermement, camps, expulsions), au questionnement philosophique. Il met ainsi en évidence l'énorme enjeu de l'actuelle tentative de nier le droit fondamental des humains à se déplacer.

Handbook for repatriation and reintegration activities / Jallow, A.T.; Malik, S.; Heinbecker, C. (ed.). - Geneva : UNHCR, 2004/05. - 205 p. (in v.p.) : tabl., bibl., glossary
The handbook is accompanied by a CD-Rom

INDEX TERMS : refugees; asylum seekers; vulnerable groups; UNHCR Mandate; NGOs; UN Specialized agencies; voluntary repatriation programmes; reintegration; protection; durable solutions; guarantees to returnees; reconstruction; planning; evaluation; data collection; information; guidelines; international instruments; manuals

In the framework for durable solutions for refugees and persons of concern, the United Nations High Commissioner proposes an integrated approach to post-conflict situations known as "the 4Rs" (Repatriation, Reintegration, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction), the aim of which is to bring together humanitarian and development actors, create a conducive environment in countries of origin to prevent the recurrence of mass outflows and facilitate sustainable repatriation and reintegration. This Handbook translates the 4Rs component of the Framework for Durable Solutions into an operational tool for the field. It aims to guide UNHCR and partner staff working on reintegration activities (Adapted from the Executive Summary).

Humanitarian intervention and international relations / Welsh, J.M. (ed.). - New York (NY) : Oxford University Press, 2004. - 229 p. : index, bibl.
ISBN : 0-19-926721-9

INDEX TERMS : humanitarian intervention; international relations; sovereignty; UN; armed forces; terrorism; armed intervention; history; human rights; international community; NATO; self-determination; NGOs; peace efforts; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World; Africa; East Timor; Balkans; Afghanistan

This edited collection investigates the controversial debate on humanitarian intervention in international society in theory and practice. Underlining the debate is the alleged tension between the principle of state sovereignty and international law, and the evolving international norms related to human rights and the use of force. The book includes chapters by scholars of law, philosophy and international relations, as well as contributions from those actively engaged in instances of intervention in the past decade. The cases covered include humanitarian intervention which took place in the early years of the post cold war period, such as Somalia, Rwanda, Bosnia, the Balkans and East Timor, as well as the recent US intervention in Afghanistan. There are three themes that unify the book. The first is the expansion of intervention. While very few interventions for humanitarian purposes occurred during the cold war, the 1990s witnessed a series of armed humanitarian interventions. Second, despite the frequency of these interventions, they continue to be a controversial norm in international relations. The third theme is that humanitarian interventions are plagued by problems of will and capacity and have the potential to divide international institutions, like the UN, western states and humanitarian organizations and damage their credibility.

Inter-agency guiding principles on unaccompanied and separated children / Inter-Agency Working Group on Unaccompanied and Separated Children. - Geneva : International Committee of the Red Cross; International Rescue Committee; Save the Children (United Kingdom); UNICEF; UNHCR; World Vision International, 2004/01. - 71 p. : ill., bibl.

INDEX TERMS : child refugees; unaccompanied minors; durable solutions; tracing; family reunification; education; receiving country; refugee status determination procedures; childrens rights; international instruments; medical treatment; psycho-social problems; nutrition; household; children-at-risk; separated children; guidelines

Children separated from their families because of armed conflict, population displacements or natural disasters are amongst the most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. The breakdown of social structures and services within communities and states make it imperative that humanitarian organizations ensure the protection of these children. The range and complexity of situations in which children get separated from their families demand complimentary skills and mandates of different agencies for a concerted and effective response. The Inter-Agency working Group set up in 1995 developed the Guiding Principles set in this publication for the purpose of guiding future action based on international human rights and humanitarian and refugee law. They seek to ensure that all actions and decisions taken concerning separated children are anchored in a protection framework and respect the principles of family unity and the best interests of the child. These guiding principles are intended primarily for national, international and non-governmental organizations concerned with separated children.

No one is illegal: asylum and immigration control past and present / Cohen, S. - Stoke on Trent (United Kingdom) : Trentham Books, 2003. - 268 p. : bibl.

INDEX TERMS : asylum seekers; refugees; asylum policy; refugee policy; history; border controls; social welfare; health; citizenship; marriage; anti-semitism; racism; immigration law; national law; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United Kingdom

The essays included in this book are written from the perspective of an immigration lawyer and a political activist opposed to immigration controls. Asylum immigration controls in the UK may have changed form but increased in content post-Cold War and after 9/11. These controls impinge on an immigrant's entitlement to welfare and social provisions. The book begins by explaining the new Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act and the link between education entitlement and immigration status. The authors provide a historical and political background to immigration controls and demonstrate that these controls are, unfortunately, always racist. Historically, starting from the 1905 Aliens Act, they have always been used against refugees. The authors examine the internal welfare controls and look at their international implications of erecting a global fortress against migrants, immigrants and refugees. They conclude by looking critically at the arguments for 'fair' controls and for no immigration controls.

Palestinian refugees: mythology, identity, and the search for peace / Bowker, R. - Boulder : Lynne Rienner, 2003. - 267 p. : map, index, bibl.
ISBN : 1-58826-202-2

INDEX TERMS : Israelis; Palestinians; refugees; peace efforts; armed conflict; history; political situation; UNRWA; international organizations; ethnic identity; refugee experiences; political opposition; donors; international community; political leaders; receiving country; right to return; compensation; national security
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Palestine; Israel

This book examines the role of memories and perception in Palestinian society and politics, particularly amongst Palestinian refugees, and the challenges that these pose in working towards a secure and sustainable peace between Israelis and Palestinians. The objective of this book is to study the impact of Palestinian refugee mythologies on the ability of external parties to reshape the political environment between the two sides and on their implications for the longer-term outlook on the Palestinian refugee issue and on the work of the UNRWA. The analytical concerns addressed in this book fall under two general headings. First, they discuss the nature of memories and mythologies of Palestinian refugees and how they affect peace negotiations. Second, they examine Palestinian refugee society, its history and politics; the relationship between these matters and their influence on the perceptions of Palestinian political leaders; on the attitudes and objectives of host governments and donor countries supporting UNRWA; and on the role of the UNRWA. The underlying contention of this book is that any attempt at conflict resolution and sustainable peace between Israelis and Palestinians must address competing aspirations and ideas of legitimacy derived from the political mythologies of both sides.

The politics of denial: Israel and the Palestinian refugee problem / Masalha, N. - London; Sterling (VA) : Pluto Press, 2003. - vi, 298 p. : bibl., index
ISBN : 0-7453-2120-8

INDEX TERMS : refugees; Palestinians; internally displaced persons; history; exodus; human rights violations; ethnic relations; right to return; government policy; international law; armed conflict; right to property; compensation
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Israel; Palestine

This book examines and analyses evolving Israeli policies towards Palestinian refugees from 1948 to the present. It studies Israeli law and policy surrounding the refugees and questions Israel's moral and legal responsibility towards Palestinians. Drawing on previously classified primary and archival sources, the author discusses the 1948 exodus and myths and realities surrounding the exodus; Israeli resettlement schemes and investigates the ideological, political, economic, diplomatic, public relations and psychological factors which motivated Israeli resettlement schemes in the 1950s; Israeli approaches to compensation and restitution of property; Israeli policies towards the 'present absentees' or internally displaced; and Israeli refugee policies during the Madrid and Oslo negotiations. Each of these subjects is discussed focussing on the conceptual filter through which the Israeli governments have tended to view the refugee problem since 1948, the legal and political premises for any evolution of their refugee policy since then and the historical context and particular conditions that influenced and characterised Israeli policy.

Records of dispossession: Palestinian refugee property and the Arab-Israeli conflict / Fischbach, M. R. - New York (NY) : Columbia University Press, 2003. - 467 p. : index, bibl.
ISBN : 0-231-12978-5

INDEX TERMS : Israelis; Palestinians; internally displaced persons; refugees; armed conflict; immigrants; right to property; UN; causes of flight; land tenure; compensation; UNRWA; history; peace efforts
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Palestine; Israel

This book focuses on the history of abandoned Palestinian refugee property during the first Arab-Israeli war in 1948, the expropriation of this property by the Israelis and its ongoing implications in the wider Arab-Israeli conflict as one of its core unresolved issues. The refugees' plight emerged not only as the central challenge for the world community but also the Arab-Israeli conflict's most intractable problem. The flight of the refugees was the direct result of partition of Palestine and affected the socio-economic and political status of almost half of the Palestinian population forced to leave their homes. This book details the extent of Arab property left behind and how it was used by the fledgling state of Israel. It traces the subsequent details of diplomatic activity on the issue and reveals UN estimates of the scope and value of refugee property.

The book contains two appendices. The first presents a comparison of studies on the scope and value of refugee property and the second details a chronology of events relating to refugee property.

Return migration: policies and practices in Europe / International Organization for Migration. - Geneva : IOM, 2004/01. - 402 p. : tabl., graph., bibl.
ISBN : 92-9068-190-X

INDEX TERMS : migrants; asylum seekers; returnees; refugees; return migration; migrant rights; irregular migration; immigration law; migration policy; asylum policy; IOM; expulsion; international law; reintegration; voluntary repatriation; involuntary repatriation; European Union; Schengen Convention; forced migration; statistical data

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Western Europe; Eastern Europe

Return migration has in the past decades emerged as a critical element of many governments' migration policy to prevent and deter irregular migration and residence. Experience has shown that voluntary and involuntary returns are interlinked and have a mutually reinforcing effect. They maintain the integrity of asylum systems and regular immigration programmes and help create productive bilateral relations between countries of origin, transit and destination. This IOM report studies the policies, laws and practices of voluntary and forced return migration of the EU Member States and Norway and Switzerland. The various country chapters analyze existing policies, legislative instruments and provisions, administrative and procedural arrangements, statistics, and best practices and lessons learned. Despite similarities of experience between states, there is no harmonized EU approach to voluntary or involuntary return. Differing definitions between states relating to expulsion, detention, irregular migrant, reintegration or even on the costing of return activities, complicate efforts to compare practices across states.

The root causes of Sudan's civil wars / Johnson, D.H. - Kampala : Fountain ; Oxford : James Currey, 2003. - 234 p. : map., index, bibl. - (African issues)

INDEX TERMS : civil war; internally displaced persons; history; independence; nationalism; peace efforts; causes of flight; politics; terrorism; forced labour; national security; Islam; ideologies; economics; international assistance; guerrilla warfare; civilian population; Sudanese

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Sudan

This book attempts to explain the origins of Sudan's multiple and recurring civil wars and their current expansion from southern Sudan to other parts of the country and across international borders. In this book the author examines the economic and political patterns which have affected the development and exercise of state power in the Sudan since the 19th century to explain the process and consequences of regional underdevelopment and the conjunction between perceptions of religion and race specific to this region. The post-independence definition of Sudanese nationalism, rooted in Islam and Arabism, alienated other ethnic groups who demanded secular ideologies based on equal citizenship rights. Cold war rivalries, neighbouring states, foreign relief and developmental agencies, and international oil companies further impacted the war's direction and duration. Two decades of hostilities have broken the bounds of North-South, Arab-African and Muslim-non Muslim conflict and this overall civil war is today composed of interlocking struggles. Now the process of self-determination needs to accommodate demands for greater self-government for the Sudanese regions. In its appendix, the book contains a chronology of events since 1972 to 2002 and a bibliographic essay on published literature and agency reports on Sudan.

Statistical yearbook 2002 : trends in displacement, protection and solutions / Hovy, B. (Ed.). - Geneva : UNHCR, 2004/06. - 519 p. : tabl., graph., maps, annexes. - (Statistical yearbook)
ISSN : 1684-9051

INDEX TERMS : refugees; asylum seekers; internally displaced persons; gender groups; data collection; statistical data; durable solutions; migration; UNHCR; refugee status determination procedures; resettlement; internal displacement; international protection; voluntary repatriation; receiving country; country of refuge; country of origin

The Statistical Yearbook assesses recent levels and trends in populations of concern to UNHCR, evaluates progress achieved in implementing durable solutions and provides up-to-date profiles of beneficiaries of UNHCR's protection and assistance activities. Indicators are included to measure the impact of refugees on host societies and to monitor the effectiveness of UNHCR's operations. By providing relevant, accurate and up-to-date data and analysis, the Yearbook is a tool for evidence-based planning, monitoring and evaluation of UNHCR activities. In addition, it seeks to contribute to informed decision-making and public discourse in an area which is often characterised by lack of information, strong views and divergent opinions.

Trafficking in persons: prosecution from a European perspective / Rijken, C. - The Hague (The Netherlands) : T.M.C. Asser Press, 2003. - xxii, 323 p. : bibl., index
ISBN : 90-6704-167-X

INDEX TERMS : trafficking in persons; European Union; state sovereignty; international criminal law; smuggling of persons; forced labour; human rights violations; sexual abuse; agents of persecution; prosecution; legal proceedings
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

The increase in crime of trafficking in persons has been facilitated by globalization. This internationalization generates consequential problems for the persecution of this crime as state sovereignty and national competences are not sufficient to prosecute and to combat it adequately. The aim of this study is to identify the obstacles to the use of policy documents and legal instruments adopted to suppress and persecute trafficking in persons in order to improve the prosecution of alleged traffickers. This study focuses on the European Union and in seeking to clarify obstacles suggests an approach at the EU level for more effective prosecution of those involved in human trafficking based on the concept of regional jurisdiction. It also discusses the relative effectiveness of recently developed instruments and initiatives within the EU like the European Arrest Warrant, Eurojust and the appointment of the European Public Prosecutor. The study recommends a dual-track approach of new initiatives and in the modification of the use of current principles to best deal with this transnational crime.

Unauthorized migration in Southeast Asia / Battistella, G. (ed.); Asis, M.M.B. (ed.). - Quezon City (Philippines) : Scalabrini Migration Center, 2003. - xii, 310 p. : tabl., maps, bibl., index
ISBN : 971-8789-09-X

INDEX TERMS : Filipinos; illegal immigrants; migrant workers; irregular immigration; government; human rights; migration policy; immigration policy; country of origin; receiving country; NGOs; statistical data; interviews
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : South East Asia; Philippines; Indonesia; Malaysia; Thailand

Unauthorised and irregular migration in Southeast Asia has seen an unprecedented rise. The growing integration of the region's economies, demographic and economic differentials between countries as well as a shared history, culture, geography, social network and migration industry have all contributed to this phenomenon. Illegal migrants, though they may appear as violators, originate from similar causes and determinants as legal migrants. Where the two groups diverge is in the access to migration channels. Those that go through irregular channels become more vulnerable to abuse and inhuman treatment in the country of destination. Migration policies, regulations and employment practices of the sending and receiving countries can influence the possibility of legal or irregular migration. Based on studies in two countries of origin, the Philippines and Indonesia, and two countries of destination, Malaysia and Thailand, the book explores the reasons behind the high levels of irregular migration in Asia. It reviews existing migration policies both in countries of origin and of destination and examines specific policies against irregular migration. It investigates the dynamics of irregular migration, particularly the role played by employment agencies and intermediaries, and the employment conditions irregular migrants' encounter. The collaborators to this study conclude that a lasting and humane solution rests on regional cooperation and paying due attention to the fundamental causes of migration and the human rights of migrants.

The United Nations: confronting the challenges of a global society / Krasno, J.E. (ed.). - Boulder (CO); London : Lynne Rienner, 2004. - xii, 443 p. : graph., tabl., photos, bibl., index
ISBN : 1-58826-255-3

INDEX TERMS : UN system; UN General Assembly; UN Specialized agencies; UN Secretariat; UN Security Council; UN Commission on Human Rights; ICJ; UNDP; history; international relations; international cooperation; elections; human rights; development; disarmament; armed conflict; treaty bodies; peacekeeping forces; financing; international law; international security; disarmament
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Cambodia; Yugoslavia; Somalia; Rwanda; Haiti

Security, human rights and sustainable human development are central to the improvement of the human condition. They are the central tests for international organizations in this era. This book inquires into changing world politics and their effect on the United Nations. The book is divided into three parts. Part 1 introduces the evolving efforts of the UN to combat threats to international peace and security. It starts with the theory of collective security and discusses the role of economic sanctions and the creation of peacekeeping functions. Post- Cold War there has been a renaissance in UN activities of peacekeeping and enforcement in Cambodia, Yugoslavia, Somalia, Rwanda and Haiti. Part 1 concludes with suggestions about changes in the UN to better address the security challenges in the 21st century, including terrorism. Part 2 introduces UN efforts to protect human rights and humanitarian values in conflicts. Part 3 examines the evolution of international attempts to build a humane capitalist world order and explores the progression of various theoretical frameworks for promoting development and human security in the context of globalization.

The United Nations and changing world politics / Weiss, T.G.; Forsythe, D.P.; Coate, R.A. - 4th ed. - Boulder (CO); Oxford (United Kingdom) : Westview Press, 2004. - lvi, 392 p. : tabl., photos, bibl., annexes, index
ISBN : 0-8133-4206-6

INDEX TERMS : international security; human rights; humanitarian assistance; politics; development; environment; treaties; UN Charter; history; international cooperation; peace efforts; elections
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World

This book is an informative tool on the complex history, evolution and the workings of the UN in its efforts to prevent conflict and invent ways to govern international activity and interaction. Since its inception in 1945, the UN has evolved and adapted to the demands of the changing world in areas as diverse as global norms, human rights and the electoral process as a part of democratization. The various contributions to this book are divided into three parts. Part I provides a historical overview on the UN and the formation of global norms. Part 2 recounts how the UN has engaged human needs on a global scale. Part 3 deals with the processes of global burden sharing and the financing of the UN.