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Accountability of peace support operations / Zwanenburg, M. - Leiden (The Netherlands); Boston (MA) : Martinus Nijhoff, 2005. - 363 p.
ISBN : 90-04-14350-5

INDEX TERMS : peace operations; international security; peace building; foreign relations; preventive diplomacy; international aid; international assistance; international cooperation; international humanitarian law; monitoring; international organizations; regional organizations; peacekeeping forces; UN; NATO

In a time when an increasing number of peace support operations operate in environments where they can become involved in the use of force, the applicability of international humanitarian law becomes a crucial issue. This study examines the scope and content of responsibility and accountability for breaches of international humanitarian law of states and international organizations. It focuses on peace support operations under the command and control of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The study includes a historical overview of the creation and evolution of peace support operations and a theory on the attribution of conduct of peace support operations. It discusses the extent to which the UN and NATO are bound by general international law, and the special position of the UN Security Council in this respect. The legal consequences of responsibility and accountability for violations of international humanitarian law are addressed, based on a discussion of the responsibility of international organizations and the practice in peace support operations. Also included in the study is an overview of the existing mechanisms for invoking responsibility and accountability, and suggestions for new mechanisms for invoking further accountability. These proposals focus especially on how to improve the legal position of individuals that are injured by violations of international humanitarian law by peace support operations.

Asylum seekers and refugees in the contemporary world / Whittaker, D.J. - London; New York (NY) : Routledge, 2006. - 144 p. : tab., bibl. - (Making of the contemporary world)
ISBN : 0-415-36091-9

INDEX TERMS : refugees; returnees; asylum seekers; Afghans; Iraqis; Palestinians; Balkans; Rwandans; migration; return; voluntary repatriation; government policy; refugee definitions; refugee experiences; testimonies; UN; UNHCR; case studies; statistical data
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World; United Kingdom; Europe; Afghanistan

With closer to twenty million people in transit worldwide seeking safety and opportunity elsewhere, asylum seekers and refugees have become a hotly debated subject in contemporary politics. This book offers an introduction to this subject. After defining asylum seekers, refugees, persecution and outlining the scale of human displacement, the author moves on to the basic principles of protection and the history and work of the UN Refugee Agency. The author also takes a closer look at the asylum procedures in Britain and the European Union, presenting policies, procedures, facts and figures of asylum applications in Europe and gives a brief account of the current public debate on asylum issues. The case studies included in the book illustrate the complexity of the subject and the challenge of offering equal treatment to asylum seekers. The case studies concern Palestinian, Balkan, Rwandan and Afghan refugees. The book also deals with the question of return; repatriation to Afghanistan serves as an example in this chapter. In addition, this introduction to asylum seekers and refugees presents a number of testimonies depicting refugee experiences. An outline of the British government's proposals in 2005 for dealing with refugees is included at the end of the book.

The challenge of conflict : international law responds / Dolgopol, U. (ed.); Gardam, J. (ed.). - Leiden (The Netherlands); Boston (MA) : Martinus Nijhoff, 2006. - xxii, 628 p. : bibl. - (International Humanitarian Law Series ; vol. 13)
ISBN : 90-04-14599-0

INDEX TERMS : victims of conflict; women; children; armed conflict; sexual violence; causes; prevention; protection; state responsibility; conflict resolution; peace building; international security; international criminal tribunals; international humanitarian law; human rights; UN; UNHCR; humanitarian organizations; case studies

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Solomon Islands; Timor; Cote d'Ivoire; Yugoslavia; Rwanda

This collection of essays considers various aspects of modern armed conflict. The aspects concern causes and prevention of conflict, conflict resolution and peace building, international humanitarian law, international criminal law and state responsibility, and the role of the United Nations, humanitarian organizations and peacekeepers in post-conflict situations. The essays offer a diverse range of perspectives and include both personal experience and academic commentary on the structures and processes for dealing with contemporary conflict. The book emphasizes democracy, transparency and dialogue as main conflict-preventive structures, while viewing the concept of identity as a potential for both, disharmony and unity. The newly established International Criminal Court is a topic that interests several of the contributors. Despite the Court's limitations and the pessimistic views on the Court, most contributors are committed to the idea of a permanent international criminal court. Among other topics addressed is the doctrine of pre-emptive force in the so-called war on terror. The role of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is highlighted in two essays. The first one deals with the maintenance of security within refugee camps, while the second focuses on the role, rights and responsibilities of UNHCR in crisis situations, with special regard to protection of internally displaced persons.

Closing protection gaps : handbook on protection of Palestinian refugees in States signatories to the 1951 Refugee Convention / BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights. - Bethlehem : BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, 2005/08. - xxxii, 456 p. : maps, photos, tabl., bibl., index
ISBN : 9950-339-00-6

INDEX TERMS : Palestinians; refugees; stateless persons; CSR51; UNRWA; UNHCR; refugee status determination procedures; international protection; legal protection; durable solutions; national law; European Union; international refugee law

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Palestine; Europe; North America; Oceania; Africa

With approximately three-quarters of the Palestinian people displaced, the Palestinian refugees present one of the largest cases of displacement in the world. In addition to the failure of the international community to find a political solution to this protracted situation, there exist inconsistencies in the relevant international instruments for the protection of this particular group of refugees. The Handbook addresses the misunderstandings and protection gaps that face the Palestinian refugees who seek protection in third countries outside the Arab world. It is intended as a guide for professionals involved in asylum claims by Palestinians and it aims to strengthen implementation of legal protection standards applicable to Palestinian refugees. The book provides background information on the Palestinian refugee question and the institutional framework set up by the United Nations for protection and assistance, and it interprets the relevant international instruments. The comparative research on national practices with regard to protection of Palestinian refugees conducted by the BADIL Resource Center in 31 non-Arab countries is also presented in the book. Finally, the Handbook includes a brief set of recommendations for bridging the current protection gaps and enhancing the protection for Palestinian refugees.

The dispossessed : an anatomy of exile / Rose, P.I. (ed.). - Boston (MA) : University of Massachusetts Press ; Northampton (MA) : Kahn Liberal Arts Institute, 2005. - xxiii, 362 p. : photos, bibl., index
ISBN : 1-55849-466-9

INDEX TERMS : refugees; exiles; immigrants; internally displaced persons; Jews; intellectuals; emigration; immigration; refugee experiences; cultural identity; integration; World War 2; humanitarian assistance

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World; Germany; United States; France; United Kingdom; Turkey; Greece

Historians, students of literature and social scientists discuss the concept of exile in this collection of stories, commentaries and analyses. The essays included in this anthology combine a broad perspective with individual experiences. They concentrate on the plight of the displaced on the one hand and the roles of their helpers on the other. While the essays mainly focus on the disruptions in the 1930s and 1940s, the experiences examined and the discussions on rescue, resettlement, acceptance, and acculturation are still significant today. The introductory essays deal with concepts of home and identity, departure and entry. The following part consists of a set of essays focusing on the active opponents of fascism. These interconnected stories form a case study of the advocates and caretakers who offered assistance and asylum to the refugees. The third set of essays focus on the impact that the refugees have had on the culture and society in their new countries. The careers of both well-known and lesser-known refugee intellectuals of the 1930s and 1940s, and their contributions to their new homelands are examined. The anthology is a selection of the essays generated by the "Anatomy of Exile" project, a year long colloquium at Smith College.

European Union law in a global context : text, cases and materials / Hartley, T.C. - Cambridge (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Cambridge University Press, 2004. - xlvii, 434 p. : fig., tabl., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-521-52730-9

INDEX TERMS : European Union; European Court of Human Rights; international law; national law; international relations; fundamental rights; treaties; constitutions; legislative power; market; international tribunals; Council of Europe; WTO; NATO; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

This book provides background information on the European Union and other international organizations either geographically or functionally related to the Union, and it explains the basic principles of the various aspects of the EU. To illustrate the effects of international and European law it provides examples of cases and extracts from sources of law. The volume is divided into seven major parts. The introductory part focuses on the history and the composition of the European Union and its legislative powers, while the second part discusses international adjudication, the problem of compliance and interpretation. The third part takes a closer look at the relations between the legal systems on international, community and national levels. The fourth part focuses on the Community and its place in the world system, explaining its legal personality and its power to enter treaties. The basic principles of fundamental rights in a global and an European context is the topic for the fifth part, while the sixth part focuses on the European Court and remedies available to private litigants. The final part of the book gives a taste of substantive law; topics such as customs duties, the free movement of persons and immigration control are discussed. Even though the book explains the European Union as it existed in the spring of 2003, it still covers the accession of the ten new member states in May 2004. The proposed Constitution for Europe is also outlined in the beginning of the volume.

Home from home : a guidance and resource pack for the welcome and inclusion of refugee children and families in school / Save the Children UK. - London : Save the Children UK; Salusbury World, 2004. - x, 158 p. : ill., tab., bibl.

Photocopiable resources and activities as well as language/country of origin checklist included
ISBN : 1-84187-083-8

INDEX TERMS : child refugees; parents; families; integration programmes; school adaptation; activities; receiving country; adult education; asylum policy; housing; health; employment; guidelines; case studies; leisure activities
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United Kingdom

This resource pack provides practical guidance to professionals working to support the education and well-being of refugee and asylum-seeking children and their families. Each of the four sections in the pack includes a discussion of key issues, practical advice and strategies and suggestions of activities. The first section focuses on welcoming refugee children and families in order to ensure that new arrivals feel safe and are able to settle and make progress. This includes, for example, clear admission and induction procedures, as many refugee children are likely to arrive in school after planned admission times. The second section provides advice on out-of-school learning activities, which can help refugee children to make friends, develop their language and social skills and manage experiences of loss and change. Parents are in

focus in sections three and four. Strategies for involving refugee and asylum-seeking parents in their children's learning and advice on how to direct families to local sources of help are discussed here. School may be one of the first points of contact for a refugee family and can therefore guide families in need of assistance to the appropriate services and agencies. The strategies and activities described in this resource pack have been developed in a primary and early years setting by a school-based refugee project in London.

Human security for all: a tribute to Sergio Vieira de Mello / Cahill, K.M. (ed.). - New York (NY) : Fordham University Press; Center for International Health and Cooperation, 2004. - xxi, 296 p. : index. - (International Humanitarian Affairs Series, ISSN 1541-7409 ; no. 5)
ISBN : 0-8232-2399-X
ISSN : 1541-7409

INDEX TERMS : civilian population; humanitarian personnel; peacekeeping forces; armed conflict; terrorism; safety of humanitarian personnel; humanitarian assistance; peace efforts; human rights; protection; international humanitarian law; integration; reconciliation; war crimes; international tribunals; media; UDHR48; UN; UNHCR; Red Cross; NGOs; international security
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Iraq; Cambodia

The contributors to this book have all worked with Sergio Vieira de Mello, who was killed in the bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad in August 2003 while serving as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq. Dedicated to the memory of de Mello and those who were killed with him, this book discusses some of the major themes relating to human security. The contributors offer practical, political and philosophical perspectives on the challenges to individual security in a world of terror and conflict. Illustrating the phases of de Mello's long career as an international humanitarian, the essays are divided into four areas of concern: human rights and the rights of the displaced; post-conflict transitions and working with local communities to create leadership and governance; maintaining humanitarian space in conflict zones; and justice and the rule of law. The book considers the relationship between individual security and state security, and looks at the compatibility of human rights with global security. It also considers the necessity of local support when rebuilding communities in post-conflict situations, the role of the media in post-conflict transitions, and the pursuit of justice and its impact on peace-building. Other topics include human disaster management and the threats facing humanitarian workers in an era marked by the "global war on terrorism".

Immigration and asylum law of the EU: current debates = Actualité du droit européen de l'immigration et de l'asile / Carlier, J.-Y.; de Bruycker, P. - Bruxelles : Bruylant, 2005. - 681 p.
ISBN : 2-8027-1927-0

INDEX TERMS : migrants; aliens; immigrants; asylum seekers; asylum policy; immigration policy; law of asylum; immigration law; immigration status determination procedures; non-refoulement principle; legal decisions; international instruments; equality before the law; international refugee law; refugee status determination procedures; right of asylum; temporary protection; European Union
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

This book looks at the community, national and comparative dimensions of current European immigration and asylum law. Divided into three parts, the book begins with community law and the developing European rules in the field of immigration and asylum law, including the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice in Luxembourg and the contribution of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. First part also covers the first phase of the common European asylum system and the question of a European standard for family reunification of third-country nationals. Part two of the book focuses on the transposition of community law by the EU member states. The directives discussed here concern mutual recognition of expulsion decisions, temporary protection for refugees, and sanctions against carriers. A report for each of the fifteen states that were members before the expansion of the EU in 2004 analyzes the transposition of the directives into national law. The third part of the book focuses on national law and specifically on the latest development of immigration and asylum law in eight member states. A comparative synthesis on compulsory integration of third country nationals is also included in this part. The chapters of the book, prepared by the Odysseus Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe, are written either in English or French.

In the shadow of just wars : violence, politics and humanitarian action / Weissman, F. (ed.). - London : Hurst; Médecins Sans Frontières, 2004. - xi, 372 p. : maps
ISBN : 1-85065-736-X

INDEX TERMS : humanitarian aid; violence; armed conflict; politics; humanitarian intervention; international organizations; humanitarian assistance; ICRC; NGOs; UN; WTO; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Sierra Leone; Afghanistan; North Korea; Angola; Sudan; Liberia; Chechnya; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Colombia; Algeria; Iraq; Kosovo; Timor-Leste

This reflection on so-called just wars and humanitarian values analyses eleven major crises in the world and the international reactions that they have produced. It highlights both the successes and the failures of the international community and raises some thematic questions of importance to humanitarian actors. The introduction of the book examines the relationship between humanitarian action and political power and contests the logic that the production of order demands its quota of victims. Among the cases examined are three crises where an international force has intervened: East Timor, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan. Also recounted are crises where no international force has intervened but where international organizations nonetheless have been involved: North Korea, Angola and Sudan. The rest of the cases are crises characterized by international abstention: Liberia, Chechnya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia and Algeria are all crises where the international community largely has refrained from intervention. In addition to the examination of these situations, the contributors to this book offer their points of view on a number of topics. These include the humanitarian assistance in Iraq and Kosovo, social fragmentation and humanitarian dependency, the conflict between justice and humanitarian action, and Islamic humanitarian organizations. The last chapter discusses the social violence that is a consequence of the actions on the pharmaceutical market; a lack of treatment to common and often curable diseases claims millions of lives every year.

Internal displacement: global overview of trends and developments in 2005 / Eschenbächer, J.-H. (ed.). - Geneva : Norwegian Refugee Council. Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, 2006/03. - 83 p. : map, photos, graph., tabl., bibl.

INDEX TERMS : internally displaced persons; women; children; civil society; internal displacement; internal conflict; nutrition; health; education; housing; right to property; peacekeeping forces; humanitarian assistance; human rights; living conditions
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Africa; Americas; Asia; Europe; Middle East

Despite a slight decrease in the number of internally displaced people an estimated 23.7 million people were still displaced within their own countries by the end of 2005 because of conflicts and human rights violations. This report provides an overview of the trends and developments in 2005 with regard to these internally displaced. Included in the report is a global overview of the IDP problem with special focus on the causes and the agents of displacement, and on the national and international responses. It also contains thematic overviews of issues that are relevant to the internally displaced. These are issues such as nutrition and health, protection of women and children, housing, land and property issues, and aspects relating to political participation and voting rights. The report offers regional overviews of the IDP situations in Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Middle East. The overviews explain the background to the displacement situations in the regions, outline the current conditions for the internally displaced, and look at the available solutions and the national and international response to these situations. The annex to the report consists of figures for fifty countries with IDP populations.

A life removed: hunting for refuge in the modern world / George, R. - London : Penguin Books, 2004. - 216 p. : maps
ISBN : 0-141-01905-0

INDEX TERMS : Liberians; refugees; internally displaced persons; asylum seekers; victims; child soldiers; civil war; violence; human rights violations; refugee camps; massacres; disarmament; reintegration; reconstruction; militias; durable solutions; refugee experiences; UNHCR; NGOs; IOM
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Liberia; Ivory Coast

The author of this book has travelled to Liberia and the Ivory Coast to understand the meaning of the words asylum seeker and refugee; words that are at the top of the current political agenda in the West. Taking as a starting point the fact that Britain houses only about two per cent of the world's refugees while developing countries take in seventy per cent of the world's displaced people, she sets out to depict the stories behind this highly political issue. In West Africa and Britain, the author meets with refugees, internally displaced persons, people who repeatedly have been uprooted by war and looting. She recounts some of the Liberian refugees' stories about their seemingly endless flights during more than a decade of civil war: from Liberia to Sierra Leone, from Sierra Leone to Guinea, from Guinea back to Liberia, from Liberia to the Ivory Coast. At the same time the refugees' stories offer an insight into the history and current state of Liberia, which was the world's first African republic founded already in 1847. The book serves as an account of the West's failure to empathize with the displaced Liberians and their impoverished neighbours who nevertheless over and over again have offered the Liberian refugees asylum.

The lone wolf and the bear: three centuries of Chechen defiance of Russian rule / Gammer, M. - London : Hurst, 2006. - xvii, 252 p. : maps, tabl., bibl., index
ISBN : 1-85065-748-3

INDEX TERMS : Chechens; national liberation movements; Muslims; history; independence; cultural identity; Ingush; internal conflict; armed conflict; guerilla warfare; resistance movements; history
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Russian Federation

In a sound study of the Russo-Chechen relations since the sixteenth century the author of this book not only depicts the Chechen defiance of Russian power but also illustrates the Chechen history and culture. The study serves as an introductory history as it recapitulates the course of events that repeatedly has led to armed conflict in this particular part of the Caucasus. The study begins with an overview of the land and the people; it then moves on to chronologically outline Russia's interest in Chechnya. The author examines the Russian conquest and the Chechen resistance, which alternately has taken the form of holy war and national liberation struggles, and which has led both to massacres and large-scale deportations of the Chechens. The Chechen self-perception and distinctive identity becomes clearer as the author moves on to analyse the Russo/Soviet modernization attempts in the Caucasus and their significance for the self-isolation, separatism and spread of Islamic teachings in Chechnya. Finally, the author offers a broad outline of the events in the late 1980s and in the 1990s. This part covers the declaration of independence, the first and the second (still ongoing) Russo-Chechen war, and the growing importance of Islamic elements in this struggle.

The longest journey : resettling refugees from Africa / Browne, P. - Sydney (Australia) : University of New South Wales Press, 2006. - 165 p. : map, bibl. - (Briefings)
ISBN : 0-86840-826-3

INDEX TERMS : refugees; Africans; resettlement programmes; resettlement processing; receiving country; government policy; immigration policy; international assistance; humanitarian personnel; refugee experiences; displaced persons; refugee camps; local integration; UNHCR
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Australia

The African continent counts its refugee population in millions and most African countries have experienced large and unregulated refugee movements, either as the country being fled or as the safe haven - or both. For the refugees the alternatives are few and some spend years in camps. Protracted conflicts hinder repatriation and local integration in the country of first asylum is not always supported by governments who already struggle with economic, political and social problems of their own. In many cases resettlement in a third country is the only viable solution. This book examines this durable solution with a special focus on Australia as a resettlement country for north-eastern Africans. Over the past five years some 25,000 Africans have arrived in Australia under the federal government's resettlement programme. The author compares this programme with schemes in other countries, primarily the United States and Canada who numerically dominate the system. While the experiences of individual refugees are recounted, the author also examines the refugee resettlement system as it responds to changing international conditions. The evolution of refugee policies and the work of international refugee agencies are discussed, as well as the

problem with selection criteria used in immigration cases influencing the administration of humanitarian programmes, thus disadvantaging vulnerable refugees.

People out of place: globalization, human rights, and the citizenship gap / Brysk, A. (ed.); Shafir, G. (ed.). - New York (NY); London : Routledge, 2004. - vii, 248 p. : bibl., index
ISBN : 0-415-93585-7

INDEX TERMS : women immigrants; children; nationality; cultural identity; international trade; international law; human rights; plural societies; labour relations; terrorism; globalization; migrants; migrant workers; European Union

This book looks at the contradictory trends of globalization and its impact on citizenship. Globalization, which has brought transnational flows of people, investment, and ideas, has challenged the nation-state tradition and led to a marginalization of already vulnerable groups, such as migrants and workers. But at the same time globalization has contributed to the spread of international human rights ideas and institutions. The contributors to this book discuss the impact of these contradictory trends and analyze the interaction of two traditions of rights in this new era: citizenship and human rights. They consider the citizenship gap created by globalization and discuss how human rights can be transformed into a new form of global citizenship. A historical overview of the evolution of citizenship and human rights provide a context for the discussions that follow. These include thoughts about how the economic aspects of globalization determine citizenship rights and how globalization has produced new rights for migrants and aliens. Special focus is put on the shifting rights and roles of workers, and on women migrants excluded from public citizenship and transnational rights. In the final section the authors look at the alternative models of global citizenship for people out of place. They conclude that while new forms of membership cannot grant non-citizens and second class citizens a place, evolving institutions can however give these groups greater voice and protection.

Refugees in a global era / Marfleet, P. - Basingstoke (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Palgrave Macmillan, 2006. - xv, 324 p. : tabl., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-333-77784-8

INDEX TERMS : refugees; aliens; international migrants; illegal immigrants; migrant workers; women immigrants; forced migration; international migration; exile; emigration; international trade; mass exodus; asylum policy; cultural identity; racism; history; globalization; right of asylum
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe; United States; United Kingdom; Algeria; France; Germany; Australia

This book addresses some fundamental questions relating to forced migration and refugees as it critically examines the causes of refugee movements, the experiences of refugees and the attitudes of receiving states towards the displaced. In a combination of historical analysis with analysis of contemporary political culture, the author scrutinizes the theory of globalization and looks at the impact of economic and political change on vulnerable regions in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He examines the relationship between the migrants and the nation-state and the implications for the status of the refugees. In a historical light the author discusses the idea of the right to asylum and the refugee concept. He challenges the often calculated approach of wealthier states towards refugees. Finally the author considers the circumstances under which displaced people seek asylum. In this context he discusses how social inequality, gender relations and the culture of terror affect the refugees. Throughout the book the author advocates for a broader refugee definition and a policy of open borders as he stresses that the policies of exclusion damage both migrants and host societies.

Rethinking refugees: beyond states of emergency / Nyers, P. - New York (NY); London : Routledge, 2006. - xviii, 181 p. : bibl., index. - (Global horizons series / Falk, R. (ed.), Ruiz, L. (ed.), Walker, R.B.J. (ed.))
ISBN : 0-415-95231-X

INDEX TERMS : refugees; humanitarian assistance; CSR51; UNHCR; refugee definitions; refugee status determination procedures; refugee movements; sovereignty; asylum policy; emergency relief operations; history; politics; forced migration; cultural identity

This study of historical and contemporary refugee narratives is concerned with the ethical and political questions relating to refugees, their movements and their political practices. It questions the conventional state-centric perspectives on the refugee problem and looks at alternatives to sovereignty's strict logic of exclusion. Fundamental political relationships such as self and other, identity and difference, space and time, inside and outside are examined. The first chapter focuses on "the emergency" discourse and its impact on the refugee identity. The study then continues with a critical reflection upon the concept of humanitarianism, which is argued to be an inherently political concept, always implicated in a relation of violence. In an analysis of the international legal refugee definition focus is put on the relationship of reason and passion. It is argued that the Refugee Convention can be used to produce difference and to reinforce social and political hierarchies. The Canadian response to two refugee crises in 1999 serves as an example of the hegemonic aspects of the refugee phenomenon. The final chapter discusses refugee warrior communities and refugees as political agents. Despite the theoretical focus of the study it also advocates for practical change: a rethinking of the refugee identity and an involvement of refugees in a dialogue about their fate.

Shaping our future: a practical guide to the selection, reception and integration of resettled refugees / Ekholm, E. (ed.); Magennis, S. (ed.); Salmelin, L. (ed.). - Helsinki : Ministry of Labour, 2005. - 177 p. : bibl. ISBN : 951-735-938-1

INDEX TERMS : refugees; children; receiving country; arrival procedures; travel documents; language education; housing; health; family; counselling; labour; education; resettlement programmes; interviews; integration programmes; resettlement processing; cultural orientation; temporary protection; UNHCR; IOM; NGOs; European Union; manuals
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Finland; Ireland

This guide offers practical information about the resettlement of refugees and the establishment of national resettlement programmes. It draws on the experiences of resettlement practices in Finland and Ireland and is intended to serve as a guide for existing and emerging resettlement countries. The guide highlights key issues in the planning stage of a national resettlement programme and explains the phases of the resettlement process itself. The part of the guide focusing on the selection phase includes recommendations for reviewing resettlement applications and provides suggestions for how to prepare for selection missions. The reception part focuses on how to prepare the refugees for the resettlement and the arrival in the resettlement country, including information on good practices and details about possible obstacles during the initial stage of resettlement. The part focusing on integration provides information about language training, educational matters, employment issues, cultural orientation and other social matters. Emergency measures in mass influx situations are also considered in the guide and recent Finnish and Irish experiences of temporary protection are included. Refugee stories which are based on real experiences are intended to exemplify the challenges faced by resettled refugees. The guide is the result of the MORE Project, a Finnish-Irish EU-funded development project on resettled refugees.

The state of the world's refugees 2006 : human displacement in the new millennium / United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. - Oxford (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Oxford University Press, 2006. - xi, 237 p. : ill., maps, tab., bibl., annexes. - (The State of the World's Refugees)
French title : Les réfugiés dans le monde : les déplacements humains au cours du nouveau millénaire
ISBN : 0-19-929095-4

INDEX TERMS : refugees; internally displaced persons; development induced displacement; internal conflict; migration; xenophobia; resettlement; emergency relief; AIDS; human trafficking; military; international protection; humanitarian assistance; human rights; durable solutions; asylum policy; UNHCR; statistical data; international security; stateless persons; returnees; international refugee law
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World

The number of refugees has fallen to its lowest level in 25 years and lay just above nine millions in 2004. While the decline is a cause for rejoicing, new challenges face the international system for dealing with human displacement. Tens of millions of internally displaced persons are in urgent need of help. States are becoming more restrictive and inclined to tighten their asylum policies. Refugees and asylum seekers face growing intolerance and are often seen as agents of insecurity. These and other aspects of forced displacement are examined and assessed in this book. It offers an analysis of the complex population

movements in today's globalized world, with fleeing refugees and economic migrants increasingly using the same routes and intermediaries. It covers the shift in international thinking about the internally displaced and the efforts to strengthen the response to crises of internal displacement. The importance of security in refugee protection is discussed in a separate chapter that illustrates the interconnectedness of refugee, state and global security. In addition to an overview of the emergency preparedness capacity, the book also draws attention to the problem of protracted refugee situations. There are thousands of refugees who have spent over five years in exile with no prospect of a durable solution. The book provides an overview of the UNHCR and the developments from 2001 to 2005. It includes annexes with statistical information.

Unaccompanied minors: rights and protection / Touzenis, K. - Roma : XL Edizioni, 2006. - 287 p. : bibl. - (Cosmopolis : studies in human rights and human development / C. Corradetti (ed.), A. Sprefico (ed.))
ISBN : 88-6083-000-1

INDEX TERMS : child soldiers; unaccompanied minors; child refugees; internally displaced persons; children-at-risk; armed conflict; child sex abuse; human rights instruments; childrens rights; international instruments; UN; CSR51; CRC89; ECHR50; European Court of Human Rights; trafficking in persons; refugee status determination; European Union

Despite the growing importance of children's rights in the human rights debate during the past decades children are still neglected, abused, exploited and tortured. Focusing on unaccompanied children this book analyzes the key international legal instruments that may be invoked in the prosecution of violations against children, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child and European Union legislation. Through a rights-based approach the author looks at the linkages between the relevant conventions and scrutinizes the loopholes and inadequacies of international law when it comes to the protection of children. This book covers children in armed conflict, refugee children, internally displaced children, migrant children and child victims of trafficking. In spite of the theoretical approach the author emphasizes the need to focus on the reality of unaccompanied children today. She notes that the Convention on the Rights of the Child does provide a broad and basic cover for all children, but demands extra efforts in order to implement the Convention. She also calls attention to the fact that children feel marginalised and argues that the discussion about children's rights should include talking with children. This book is a detailed coverage of the child in international law and can provide a useful reference text for the rights of children worldwide.

Understanding global security / Hough, P. - London; New York (NY) : Routledge, 2004. - 271 p. : tabl.
ISBN : 0-415-29666-8

INDEX TERMS : international security; violence; terrorism; environmental degradation; population dynamics; natural disasters; armed conflict; history; international cooperation; international assistance; peace efforts; development; democracy; human rights; foreign relations; globalization; government policy; UN; military operations; international economics; international organizations; cases studies

This textbook deals with global security, a sub-discipline of international relations and the broadened meaning of security after the Cold War and the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001. The author discusses different conceptions of security and looks at the current international political agenda. He goes beyond the framework of traditional international security politics that has tended to focus on military threats from other states, and looks at a range of perceived threats to humankind. These include military threats from non-state actors, economic threats, societal insecurity, environmental threats, health threats, natural disasters, accidental threats and global crime. Specific topics addressed are terrorism, types of non-state military groups, poverty, discrimination, environmental change, transmittable illnesses, industrial accidents and the 2003 Iraq War. At the same time the book offers an introduction to the international organizations concerned with global security. The author discusses the impact of security threats on the individual, national and global level and explains what solutions the main paradigms of international relations offer to the perceived threats. He looks at the future of global security and discusses the current obstacles to human security. Each chapter is concluded with a list of key points and suggestions for further reading.

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The steep fall-off in refugee admissions in the United States in 2002 and 2003 to below 29,000 annually from an average of more than the double during the five previous years has been seen as a signal that a change in the country's current refugee admission system is necessary. With new challenges arising globally there is a need for a refugee resettlement system that rapidly can allow for new priorities and better respond to a wider range of refugee needs. This study, based on a report commissioned by the US Government and grounded on more than 100 interviews, describes the current admission program, looks at problems and challenges, and provides concrete suggestions for improvement. The study recommends first and foremost that the objective of the US Refugee Program is clarified. The recommended alternative is a system based on a broad perspective, a program not limited to rescue from grave life-threatening dangers, but that will work to rescue displaced people who face a wider range of harms. The study examines and explains the access and admission priority systems, the operational issues, and the roles of the actors involved. It then proposes statutory amendments and a set of consolidated recommendations.

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This book is a selection of the speeches, addresses and statements delivered by the second United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson, who served in this position from September 1997 to September 2002. The speeches, along with linking commentary, serve as a record of the ideas, policies and initiatives pursued during Robinson's five years in the position. At the same time they offer an insight into the wide variety of challenges that the High Commissioner for Human Rights faces. The thematic division of the material highlights this variety. The introduction, an outline of Robinson's personal vision of human rights, is followed by a selection of her statements on equality and non-discrimination, and a part addressing the dimensions of the High Commissioner's mandate. A separate part focuses on the UN human rights system and the development of human rights protection. The final part addresses continuing challenges; this includes the High Commissioner's statements on terrorism, human security and globalization. Among other specific issues addressed in the collection are women's rights and gender concerns, protection of human rights in times of conflict, and the right to development. Robinson's commitment to equal recognition of economic and social rights with civil and political rights is a theme that echoes throughout the book. Her farewell speech concludes the collection, containing also a foreword by the UN Secretary General and an afterword by the current High Commissioner for Human Rights.