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L'action humanitaire du Canada: histoire, concepts, politiques et pratiques de terrain / Conoir, Y. (ed.); Verna, G. (ed.). - Saint-Nicolas (Québec) : Presses de l'Université Laval, 2002. - 615 p. : ill., tab., bibl. ISBN : 2-7637--7907-7

INDEX TERMS : refugees; children; humanitarian assistance; history; assistance programmes; international relations; NGOs; armed conflict; protection; international organizations; food aid; landmines; evaluation; Red Cross; armed forces; case studies; forced migration; refugee camps; UNHCR; reconstruction; refugee impact; AIDS; psychological problems; trauma; health; statistical data; government programmes; international cooperation

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Canada; Yugoslavia; Africa; Sri Lanka; Sierra Leone; Afghanistan; Russia; Viet Nam; East Timor

Le Canada, selon les rédacteurs de cet ouvrage, n'a que récemment entrepris de se doter d'une capacité d'action et d'évaluation dans le domaine humanitaire. Partant de ce constat, le livre se divise en trois parties. La première examine les événements récents selon le point de vue des acteurs humanitaires canadiens (gouvernement fédéral, ONGs, Mission canadienne à l'ONU) et des concepts et mutations qui en découlent pour ces acteurs et leurs bénéficiaires, puis s'intéresse au futur possible de l'action humanitaire dans le domaine pratique, légal et politique. La deuxième partie présente ces acteurs humanitaires, de l'Agence canadienne pour le développement international à la Croix Rouge canadienne. Les différents participants de la cause humanitaire sont ainsi évalués en fonction de leurs actions à l'extérieur (ouragan Mitch, Zaïre...) ou à l'intérieur (les réfugiés au Canada, la « crise du verglas » au Québec en 1998). Enfin, la troisième et dernière partie étudie des cas précis où des acteurs humanitaires canadiens ont eu un impact positif dans des crises récentes, qu'elles soient de nature guerrière (Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, Congo), sanitaire (VIH/sida en Afrique) ou climatique (typhons au Vietnam, l'ouragan Mitch en Amérique Centrale). Cette dernière partie donne une large place au problème des réfugiés dans ces crises, ainsi qu'aux personnes déplacées dans les conflits armés internes (Timor Oriental, Sri Lanka).

After involuntary migration: the political economy of refugee encampments / Bookman, M. Z. - Oxford (UK) : Lexington Books, 2002. - 231 p. : tab., index, bibl. ISBN : 0-7391-0426-8

INDEX TERMS : refugees; internally displaced persons; refugee camps; forced migration; nationalism; armed conflict; UNHCR; violence; receiving country; interethnic relations; international community; NGOs; right to return; human rights; right to employment; integration; freedom of movement; labour market; statistical data; compensation; economic social and cultural rights

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World

This book on migration and refugees focuses on the aftermath of forced refugee displacement. With the increase in involuntary displacement in the post-Cold War period, coupled with the decrease in absorptive capacity in Western and non-Western countries, the author addresses the question of what happens to involuntary displaced persons. The author approaches this question from a global perspective and studies the political economy of permanent encampments. This study is based on the premise that the world can be broadly divided into two tiers based on certain economic, political and social indices. The author explores the comparative complexities of encampment economies and the ramifications and implications of encampment differences by tier. The author concludes by suggesting recommendations for a greater acceptance by the world community of the reality of the involuntary displaced and better coordination for improved economic and political conditions within permanent encampments.

The humanitarian enterprise : dilemmas and discoveries / Minear, L. - Bloomfield (CT) : Kumarian Press, 2002. - xiii, 288 p. : bibl., index ISBN : 1-56549-149-1

INDEX TERMS : civilian population; internally displaced persons; humanitarian intervention; humanitarian assistance; human rights; development; international law; armed conflict; sanctions; sovereignty; Geneva Conventions 1949; Geneva Protocols 1977; armed forces; humanitarian personnel; Red Cross; government; UNHCR; UN; NGOs; NATO; international cooperation; coordination

This book examines the evolution in the thinking and practice of humanitarian organizations. It discusses the major challenges they face within their own ranks and in the coordinating work between different humanitarian organizations. The author exposes tensions between delivery of assistance and the protection of basic human rights, between the 'neutrality' of humanitarian activities and the political arena in which they take place. He reviews the record of humanitarian actors in strengthening the capacity of local institutions and individuals and examines the challenges they face. The author offers his recommendations for more effective structure and functioning of these organizations. He examines the dynamics of institutional change and reflects on the contribution of the Humanitarian War Project. The epilogue to this volume studies the impact of terrorism and antiterrorism with specific reference to Afghanistan.

Leaving the house of ghosts : Cambodian refugees in the American Midwest / Streed, S. - London; Jefferson (NC) : McFarland, 2002. - ix, 213 p. : map, photos, bibl., index
ISBN : 0-7864-1354-9

INDEX TERMS : Cambodians; refugees; boat people; internally displaced persons; victims; civil war; history; genocide; mass exodus; mass exodus; testimonies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United States; Cambodia

This book narrates the personal accounts of Cambodian auto-survivors of the five years of civil war and ethnic cleansing that started in 1975 in Cambodia. In their attempt at a 'pure' nation, the Pol Pot and Khmer Rouge had tried to eliminate all racial minorities. An estimated 2 million Cambodians were killed and thousands fled the country. The stories in this book recount the traumas, tragedies and resilience of those who suffered and escaped Pol Pot's reign of terror and the brutal experiment with Communism that ended in 1979.

Migration and the externalities of European integration / Lavenex, S. (ed.); Uçarer, E.M. (ed.). - Lanham (MD); Boulder (CO); New York (NY); Oxford (United Kingdom) : Lexington Books, 2002. - 232 p. : fig., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-7391-0378-4

INDEX TERMS : European Union; asylum policy; integration policy; immigration policy; migration policy; border controls; foreign policy; immigrant control after entry; admission policy; international relations
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe; Norway; Switzerland; Turkey

As migration flows become increasingly transnational, the development of a supranational common asylum and immigration policy has become a priority in the European Union. The different contributions to this volume show that the development of common policies inside the Union is intimately connected to its international role and that the nascent EU migration regime has direct implications for states and actors in the global arena and consequently developing a genuine foreign policy dimension. This volume delves into the traditional receiving countries of immigrants and asylum seekers in Western Europe as well as traditional countries of origin and transit in Central and Eastern Europe and the African continent. In conceptualising the external impact of the EU migration regime on third countries, the contributors review existing models of diffusion and policy transfer. They present background information on the development of asylum and immigration policies in the EU and retrace the main steps of the institutional evolution of the migration regime.

Minorities in international law : an introductory study / Pentassuglia, G. - Strasbourg : Council of Europe, 2002/11. - 304 p. : bibl. - (Handbook on minority issues ; no. 1)
ISBN : 92-871-4773-6

INDEX TERMS : minority groups; international law; human rights; legal protection; history; case law; ethnic identity; sovereignty; legal theory; UN; Council of Europe; European Union; OSCE

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

The basic aim of this book is to provide an introductory survey on the protective regimes, which have developed in the main international institutions (namely, UN, Council of Europe, OSCE and EU), as well as within special treaty co-operation frameworks, in response to the needs and demands of minority groups. Following from a concise introduction to the issue of minorities in historical perspective and a general discussion of the understanding of minority rights and "minority" within the corpus of international human rights law, the book examines major international standards and methods, and explores particular minority arrangements in European country contexts. It also offers some thoughts on the current international system of minority rights protection and the prospects of its evolving architecture. This book tries to combine a description of basic conceptual, substantive and procedural aspects with a relatively extensive critical assessment. Its fundamental concern is to identify ways of enhancing the effectiveness of international law in general and international human rights law in particular, in tackling the complexities of the minority question. (Adapted from the author's introduction).

Nationalist exclusion and ethnic conflict : shadows of modernity / Wimmer, A. - Cambridge (United Kingdom) : Cambridge University Press, 2002. - ix, 379 p. : tabl., ill., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-521-81255-0

INDEX TERMS : immigrants; ethnic and national groups; minority groups; history; nationalism; exclusion; ethnic conflict; racism; xenophobia; culture; nationality; assimilation; self-determination; democracy; political participation; case studies

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Mexico; Iraq; Switzerland

This book argues that nationalist and ethnic policies provide the basis for modernity and current state formations. While democracy, citizenship and popular sovereignty allow for the inclusion of large sections of the population, they also lead to the development of new forms of exclusion based on ethnic or national criteria. According to the varying geometrics of power, these dynamics of exclusion can take on different forms. This book explores the exclusion consequences of political modernity, the dynamics of political conflict, exclusion along national lines and institutionalised forms of xenophobia accompanying the formation of modern nation-states. The book is divided into three parts. Part 1 presents the theoretical tools employed by the author. Part 2 discusses the politicisation of ethnicity and its consequences and Part 3 develops the concept of evolution leading to full nationalisation of state and society. In his chapters on Mexico, Iraq and Switzerland, the author provides extended case studies that support his argument.

Refugee law and policy : a comparative and international approach / Musalo, K.; Moore, J.; Boswell, R.A. - 2nd. - Durham (NC) : Carolina Academic Press, 2002. - xxxiii, 990 p. : index. - (Carolina Academic Press law casebook series.)
ISBN : 0-89089-114-1

INDEX TERMS : refugees; asylum seekers; internally displaced persons; refugee definitions; non-refoulement principle; refugee status determination procedures; non-political crimes; crimes against humanity; international criminal tribunals; history; UNHCR; IRO; international protection; national refugee law; government policy; international refugee law

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Middle East; Europe; Rwanda; South Africa; United States

This book provides a historical perspective to the international protection for victims of persecution in an attempt to address and reconcile tensions between contemporary US asylum law and international refugee law. In the cultural and legal context of the United States, the term 'refugee law' is primarily used to refer to those legal mechanisms by which individuals fleeing persecution may be granted asylum or withholding of deportation. While domestic refugee law serves to determine which individuals can find refuge in the US by regulating, restricting or enhancing their access, international refugee law's mandate seeks to vindicate the rights of all individuals fleeing persecution. This casebook highlights the dilemma and challenge of refugee protection in an inter-state system that emphasises the prerogatives of national sovereignty. It discusses the interrelationships between refugee law and related fields of international law, human rights and humanitarian law. The text concludes by suggesting new approaches to overcome tensions between political intransigence and collective responsibility.

Rethinking humanitarian intervention: a fresh legal approach based on fundamental ethical principles in international law and world religions / Lepard, B. D. - Philadelphia (PA) : Pennsylvania State University Press, 2002. - 496 p. : index, bibl.
ISBN : 0-271-02145-4

INDEX TERMS : international law; belief systems; humanitarian intervention; peacekeeping forces; armed conflict; UN Charter; international instruments; human rights violations; peace efforts; UN Security Council; treaties; case studies; NATO; UN General Assembly; sovereignty; self-determination; religious groups
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World

This book revisits the controversy over the use of military force for humanitarian purposes and the legal issues surrounding such intervention. Whereas, on one hand, there is an expanding corpus of legal norms guaranteeing a minimal level of respect for human rights that legitimises the use of force in defence of these norms, there also exist, within the UN Charter and contemporary international law, norms that discourage such intervention. The author attempts to reconcile these conflicting legal norms by developing a link between humanitarian intervention and fundamental ethical principles that exist in international legal texts. He also remarks a general congruence between these broad ethical principles and teachings of the scriptures of all world religions and philosophies. The author argues that the principal of 'unity in diversity' ought to be adopted as the standard by reference to which other principles should be prioritised in the current multicultural environment.

Rethinking refugee law / Nathwani, N. - The Hague (The Netherlands); London; New York (NY) : Martinus Nijhoff, 2003. - xi, 168 p. : bibl., index. - (Refugees and human rights / Bayefsky, A.F. (ed.) ; vol. 7)
ISBN : 90-411-2002-5

INDEX TERMS : refugees; asylum seekers; immigrants; refugee law; immigration policy; well-founded fear of persecution; asylum policy; human rights; state responsibility; refugee definitions
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

The author states that refugee law faces a serious crisis in Europe. This crisis highlights the need to explain what is the relationship between refugee law and immigration policy. How much immigration do States need to tolerate for moral and practical reasons even if they do not wish any immigration? The legal principle of necessity offers a theoretical basis for refugee law. Necessity explains the conditions under which it would be unfair to fight off unwanted immigrants by deportation and punishment. Necessity explains the conditions under which a restrictive immigration policy is not feasible at a reasonable cost versus desperate individuals. Necessity also overrules a restrictive immigration policy and qualifies as an explanation of the purpose of a fair refugee policy. This book explores the consequences of the theory of necessity for the interpretation of the main concepts of refugee law (persecution, well-founded fear, reasons of persecution, asylum) and concludes that a generous refugee practice can be conceived and justified even if a restrictive immigration policy is a political reality. (Adapted from the publisher's abstract).

Therapeutic care for refugees : no place like home / Papadopoulos, R.K. (ed.). - London : Karnac, 2002. - xxviii, 319 p. : bibl., index. - (The Tavistock Clinic Series)
ISBN : 1-85575-283-2

INDEX TERMS : asylum seekers; victims; Albanians; Serbs; Somali; exile; violence; post-traumatic stress disorders; mental health; psychotherapy; counselling; education; employment; receiving country; psychiatrists; UNHCR; IOM; NGOs; refugees; trauma clinics; post-traumatic stress disorders
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United Kingdom; Iran; Iraq; Yugoslavia; Greece

This book offers a comprehensive perspective on the therapeutic care of refugees and explores the dynamics of ethical intervention. It presents contributions of clinicians, researchers and academics from diverse disciplines and theoretical orientations based at Tavistock Clinic in London, and working with refugees either in the country of resettlement or in the territory of origin. They offer insights into the studies of migration and of trauma by addressing refugees' experiences of uprooting and homelessness and then rehabilitation and the refugees' personal experiences of physical and emotional violence.