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The asylum-seeking child in Europe / Anderson, H.E. (ed.); Björnberg, V. (ed.); Eastmond, M. (ed.); Mellander, L. (ed.). - Göteborg (Sweden) : Centre for European Research at Göteborg University, 2005. - 205 p. : tabl., graph., fig., bibl.
ISBN : 91-89608-15-1

INDEX TERMS : child refugees; child immigrants; asylum seekers; unaccompanied minors; asylum policy; CRC89; UNHCR; integration; child sex abuse; needs assessment; pre-school education; post-traumatic stress disorders; social adaptation; international refugee law; refugee status determination procedures; European Union

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe; Sweden; Denmark; Russian Federation

This book takes a multi-disciplinary approach to the plight of refugee children in Europe and how their situation is managed and understood both during and after the application of asylum. This study presents competence of contributors from different European countries to review to what extent children are recognized as asylum seekers in international conventions and in the legislation of the EU and to discuss the implications of international conventions that protect the rights of child asylum seekers. The study explores what is known about the experiences of child refugees and how this knowledge is integrated in the response of different countries. Finally, the contributors address the social and educational aspects of exclusion and integration of asylum-seeking children. The study reveals the need for more extensive qualitative research of the experience of children in the asylum process to ensure a more comprehensive assessment of the impact of policy and practice.

The Europeanization of citizenship : between the ideology of nationality, immigration and European identity / Dell'Olio, F. - Aldershot (United Kingdom); Burlington (VT) : Ashgate, 2005. - xii, 170 p. : fig., tabl., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-7546-3595-3

INDEX TERMS : nationality; immigration policy; emigration; cultural identity; civil and political rights; economic social and cultural rights; European Union; citizenship

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe; United Kingdom; Italy

This book analyses the link the establishment of European citizenship creates between citizenship, nationality and immigration policies. At the national level, European citizenship reinforces the link between citizenship and nationality and at the European level it creates a new link between citizenship practices and immigration policies. This book investigates the degree to which European citizenship encourages the development of a European identity. It compares the impact of European citizenship at the nation-state level in Italy and the UK and their national policies to immigration and citizenship. The author investigates social realities through the empirical analysis of public attitudes towards the EU, European citizenship and immigration by examining changes in law in Italy and the UK. The author concludes that the connection between normative undertakings, based on the establishment of European citizenship to forge a European identity, and social reality are weak. Opinion polls reveal that the establishment of a European citizenship has reinforced the ideology of nationality in both Italy and the UK and failed to forge a European identity.

Foreign territory : the internationalisation of EU asylum policy / McKeever, D.; Schultz, J.; Swithern, S. - Oxford (United Kingdom) : Oxfam, 2005. - 131 p. : ill.

Also available in French: Territoire inexploré: l'internationalisation de la politique d'asile de l'UE.

Annexes: Profiles of Sri Lanka, of the United Republic of Tanzania, of the Democratic Republic of Congo
ISBN : 0-85598-557-7

INDEX TERMS : refugees in transit; asylees; asylum policy; country of origin; country of asylum; safety zones; international protection; forced migration; resettlement programmes; immigration law; law of asylum; international cooperation; immigrant control after entry; European Union
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

This study highlights elements of the EU internationalized asylum agenda and their implication for the protection of refugees in Europe. Since 2003, EU governments and institutions have explored ways of supporting refugees in their region of origin. As the EU asylum policy shifts overseas, the politicisation of asylum-related issues and the desire to manage migration could have a serious impact on the life of refugees. The report draws on two strands of research. The first analyses the elements of EU policy that make up the internationalized asylum agenda. The second uses field research into refugee realities in Sri Lanka, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania. The study is intended as a reference and as an agenda for action for policy makers in the EU to ensure that their internationalized asylum actions promote their commitments to refugee protection, human rights, development and humanitarian assistance.

Human rights in Africa : from OAU to the African Union / Murray, R. - Cambridge (United Kingdom); Madrid; Melbourne (Australia); Cape Town (South Africa) : Cambridge University Press, 2004. - viii, 349 p. : bibl., index
ISBN : 0-521-83917-3

INDEX TERMS : African Union; African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; refugees; human rights; childrens rights; womens rights; peoples rights; OAU; economic development; victims of conflict
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Africa

This book examines the role of the Organization of African Unity in the promotion of human rights in Africa since its inception in 1963. It studies the record of the OAU/AU on a variety of human rights issues which include the concept of democracy, human rights in times of conflict, the position of women, children and refugees, and the relationship between human rights and development. This book illustrates that though some attention has been paid to human rights, often this work has been ad hoc as new standards are elaborated and new institutions are created without any attempt at consolidation with existing mechanisms. The author cautions that there is need for serious attention in mapping out the responsibilities of each AU institution and clarifying human rights standards. The volume contains three appendices which present the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, the Constitutive Act of the African Union and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

International governance of war-torn territories : rule and reconstruction / Caplan, R. - Oxford (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Oxford University Press, 2005. - x, 291 p. : fig., graph., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-19-926345-0

INDEX TERMS : refugees; internally displaced persons; peacekeeping forces; peace building; conflict resolution; reconstruction; law and order; national security; public administration; elections; political change; political institutions; democracy; politics; humanitarian intervention; UN system; NATO; OSCE; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Bosnia and Herzegovina; Slovenia; Kosovo; East Timor

Post Cold War has seen new shifts in security and humanitarian concerns as the vast majority of armed conflicts become internal and ethnic in nature. These have extended the mandate of the United Nations and other multilateral organizations to deal with the international administration of war-torn territories. Third party initiatives to broker and manage peace have played an important role in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Eastern Slovenia, Kosovo and East Timor. This book explores the mandates, structure and powers of the international administration of war-torn societies and discusses their effectiveness and the operational, political and normative challenges that arise in the context of these experiences. It reflects on the policy implications of humanitarian interventions and examines recent initiatives taken by states and multinational organizations to enhance the effectiveness and challenges of international administration. This study is divided in two parts. Part 1 examines the conduct of international administration in each of the five principal functional areas: public order and internal security, the resettlement of refugees and internally displaced persons, civil administration, the building of local political institutions, and economic reconstruction and development. Part 2 looks at the major operational, political and normative challenges of territorial administration.

International law and the use of force / Gray, C. - 2nd ed. - Oxford (United Kingdom) : Oxford University Press, 2004. - xiii, 334 p. : index. - (Foundations of public international law)
ISBN : 0-19-927131-3

INDEX TERMS : international law; self-determination; civil war; armed intervention; protection; humanitarian intervention; terrorism; weapons; peacekeeping; NATO; ICJ; international armed conflict; UN Security Council; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Africa; Yugoslavia; Georgia; Tajikistan; Nicaragua; Iraq; Middle East; Afghanistan

This book focuses on current international law and the use of force by states. The terrorist attacks of September 11th and the US led attack on Afghanistan have raised fundamental questions about the right to use force in self-defence against terrorism, and the scope of the war on terror. The question whether there is now a new doctrine of pre-emptive self-defence has divided states. The author examines the laws banning the use of force against terrorism, civil wars, self-defence, collective self-defence, the UN and use of force, the Security Council's authorization of force, and regional peacekeeping and enforcement actions. The invasion of Iraq in 2003 has prompted serious questions about the role of the UN and the legality of this war. The author shows that the UN remains committed to the prohibition of any forcible unilateral intervention in the internal affairs of nations. The reasoning of the International Court of Justice in the Nicaragua case against the USA in 1986 is of paramount importance in this area because it is the courts first extended discussion of the law on the use of force. The author presents a systematic account of other cases which brought state practice into jurisprudential debate. These include the ten cases concerning the legality of the use of force brought by Yugoslavia against NATO states, the Iranian Oil Platforms case, and the on-going cases brought by the Democratic republic of Congo against Uganda and Rwanda.

International migration and security : opportunities and challenges / Guild, E. (ed.); Van Selm, J. (ed.). - London; New York (NY) : Routledge, 2005. - xvi, 280 p. : tabl., graph., photos, bibl., map, index. - (Transnationalism / Vertovec, S. (ed.) ; 18)
ISBN : 0-415-32654-0

INDEX TERMS : aliens; asylum seekers; refugees; human rights; asylum policy; social welfare; cultural identity; national security; racism; integration; public health; migrants; international security; illegal immigrants; migration policy; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe; United States; Canada; Australia

This interdisciplinary book brings together diverse perspectives and arguments on the impact of migration. Experts from different fields discuss the realities and myths about immigrants and the opportunities and challenges they present. They investigate the value assessments regarding migrants in Europe, USA, Canada and Australia in specific areas of life and their impact on the security of the host communities. This book is divided into three sections. The first section on political and legal security, discusses immigrants within the context of regional security, legal systems, human rights and as electoral counterweights. The second section on cultural and identity security, addresses the question of the engagement of issues of culture and identity with immigrants and the allocation of values within society. The third and final part looks at personal and economic considerations around the construction of the immigrant.

The international protection of internally displaced persons / Phuong, C. - Cambridge (United Kingdom); Madrid; Melbourne (Australia); Cape Town (South Africa) : Cambridge University Press, 2004. - xix, 293 p. : graph., tabl., annex, bibl., index. - (Cambridge studies in international and contemporary law ; 38)
Annex 1: The Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement
ISBN : 0-521-82686-1

INDEX TERMS : internally displaced persons; refugees; vulnerable groups; international protection; civil war; legal protection; internal displacement; human rights; refugee definitions; sovereignty; guidelines; UNHCR; UN; humanitarian intervention; NGOs; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World; Bosnia and Herzegovina

This book offers an overview of the humanitarian and human rights challenge of internal displacement. It proposes a multidimensional understanding of internal displacement that is not only institutional and operational, but also sociological and political. Like refugees, the internally displaced have been forced to leave their homes because of armed conflict and human rights abuses and though the protection of IDPs is distinct from the protection of refugees, it is also related and their legal status, too, derives from international human rights law and international humanitarian law. The author examines the UN's understanding of the IDP issue and reviews the institutional responses of protection and assistance of NGOs and of regional and military organizations like NATO. These are tested on the field in the case study of Bosnia and Herzegovina and evaluated on the basis of efficiency of measures undertaken to protect IDPs from human rights violations and forced displacement. The author reviews recent initiatives undertaken to promote the return of refugees and IDPs to their homes and reverse ethnic cleansing and the human rights implications of return strategies.

Irregular migration and human rights: theoretical, European and international perspectives / Bogusz, B. (ed.); Cholewinski, R. (ed.); Cygan, A. (ed.); Szyszczak, E. (ed.). - Leiden (Netherlands); Boston (MA) : Martinus Nijhoff, 2004. - xxii, 462 p. : tabl., index. - (Immigration and asylum law and policy in Europe ; vol. 7)
ISBN : 90-04-14011-5

INDEX TERMS : asylum seekers; undocumented migrants; illegal immigrants; immigration policy; border controls; trafficking in persons; foreign policy; visas; Schengen Convention; European Union; IOM; ILO; UNHCR; European Court of Human Rights; globalization; irregular refugee movements; admission policy; human rights; national security
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : France; United Kingdom; Netherlands

This collection of essays focuses on the human rights dimension of irregular migration from a theoretical, European and international perspective. Academics, practitioners and policy makers approach migration in a multi-dimensional way and present their own understanding and definition of the term. Their essays are divided into five parts, each representing a different perspective of irregular migration and human rights. Part 1 addresses the complex question of who is an irregular migrant; Part 2 returns to the official and popular perceptions of irregular migrants and their consequences on national security, asylum, human trafficking and smuggling; Part 3 focuses on irregular migration in the context of the developing EU policies, such as the adoption of readmission agreements and their relationship to external border controls in the context of EU enlargement; Part 4 introduces the role of international and non-governmental actors in charting a right-based approach to irregular migration; and Part 5 examines the different official responses to the demands for integration of irregular migrants within the host state.

The legal elements of European identity : EU citizenship and migration law / Guild, E. - The Hague (The Netherlands) : Kluwer Law International, 2004. - xvii, 265 p. : tabl., bibl., index. - (Kluwer European law library / A. Biondi (ed.) ; 1)
ISBN : 90-411-2304-0

INDEX TERMS : asylum seekers; immigrants; immigration law; nationality; immigration policy; asylum policy; boundaries; expulsion; exclusion; ethnic discrimination; ECHR50; integration policy; safe third country; family reunification; citizenship; European Union
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

In this book, the author examines the ways in which European law defines the status of individuals and their entitlements and describes how this identity is created through the adoption and interpretation of immigration and citizenship laws by the EU. He approaches the concept of Europe from the perspective of definition of a state and addresses the question of an individual's identity as attached to the state or as arising from a supra-national law. The individual's identity has consequences on his entitlements. These include his rights to move across borders, limitations on his citizenship and on the social benefits of citizenship, on issues related to residence, immigration and family reunification, on human rights, the right to asylum, protection from expulsion and racial discrimination and on his right to be long-resident third-country nationals. The analysis includes extensive reference to relevant cases and European Court of justice and European Court of Human Rights decisions.

The limits of international law / Goldsmith, J.L.; Posner, E.A. - Oxford (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Oxford University Press, 2005. - 262 p. : tabl., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-19-516839-9

INDEX TERMS : international customary law; value systems; international relations; human rights; international trade; democracy; legal theory; treaties; case studies

This book offers a rational choice theoretical analysis of international law in which compliance to it is based on national self-interest. Using an elementary game theory, the authors build a framework that sees international law primarily as a tool for states seeking to resolve cooperation. Using this behavioural approach, they examine case studies that show that states operate in a certain way only to maximize their expected gain from congruent interests. The book is divided into three parts: the role of custom and international law; treaties as a form of cooperative agreement; and rhetoric and morality in international law. The first two parts present empirical analysis of state compliance with international legal norms and obligations. The third part demonstrates the normative implications of rational choice. Eventually all international rules and institutions can be traced back to self-interested states. The book has important implications for the role of international law in international relations. As an instrument for advancing national policy, international law can change with non-legal changes in international politics and is seen by the authors as a manifestation of changing state power and preferences.

Military-civilian interactions : humanitarian crises and the responsibility to protect / Weiss, T.G. - 2nd ed. - Lanham (MD); Boulder (CO); New York (NY); Toronto (Canada); Oxford (United Kingdom) : Rowman and Littlefield, 2005. - xxxiii, 275 p. : tabl., maps, photos, bibl. - (New millennium books in international studies / Gerner, D.J. (ed.), Selbin, E. (ed.))

This 2nd edition includes developments of the last four years (Kosovo, East Timor, Afghanistan, and Iraq)
ISBN : 0-7425-3017-5

INDEX TERMS : UN; armed forces; civilian population; humanitarian assistance; humanitarian intervention; armed intervention; international relations; sovereignty; military operations; peacekeeping forces; emergency relief operations; case studies

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Iraq; Somalia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Rwanda; Haiti; Kosovo; East Timor; Afghanistan

This book focuses on the issue of armed humanitarian intervention in situations of internal conflict and civilian suffering. It discusses the dilemma of external engagement in intra-wars both within the contemporary context and through the history of military-civilian interactions. It studies the conceptual innovations since the 1990s and uses various case studies and cost-benefit analysis to prove the need for military action and political will in cases of humanitarian crisis. To judge the utility and success of each mission, it makes an assessment of interventions in N. Iraq, Somalia, Bosnia, Rwanda, Haiti, Kosovo and E. Timor on the basis of three variables: the military costs of intervention, the state of the civilian crisis prior to the intervention, and the civilian benefits following intervention. On the basis of these assessments, the author concludes that military force is essential to successful interventions.

New global dangers : changing dimensions of international security / Brown, M. E. (ed); Coté, O.R. (ed.); Lynn-Jones, S. (ed.); Miller, S.E. (ed.). - Cambridge (MA); London : MIT Press, 2004. - 552 p.
ISBN : 0-262-52430-9

INDEX TERMS : international security; violence; terrorism; international armed conflict; international migration; peace efforts; infectious diseases; viral diseases; environmental degradation; population dynamics; demography; nuclear weapons; biological weapons; globalization; international economics; humanitarian intervention; foreign relations

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United States; Russia; Asia; Africa

Post-Cold War has seen ever increasing threats to national and international security. Security problem in the 21st century are becoming even more complex and multidimensional and a growing array of military, non-military and trans-national factors are shaping the international security landscape. The contributors to this volume debate on these considerations and their essays are divided in three parts. Part 1 focuses on

weapons and security and the strategic implications of US military hegemony and the dynamics and dangers of weapons proliferation. The second part examines the non-military aspects of security, the scope of the international security agenda and of factors such as environmental change and resource competitions, demographic developments, the impact of HIV/AIDS on political and military instability and the complex effects of humanitarian assistance. The third and final part of the book examines the roots and ramifications of contemporary international terrorism, the contributions of NGOs and the emergence of private military firms.

Proof, evidentiary assessment and credibility in asylum procedures / Noll, G. (ed.). - Leiden (The Netherlands); Boston (MA) : Martinus Nijhoff, 2005. - ix, 233 p. : index, bibl. - (The Raoul Wallenberg Institute Human Rights library ; vol. 16)
ISBN : 90-04-14065-4

INDEX TERMS : burden of proof; evidence; refugee status determination procedures; asylum policy; non-refoulement principle; international refugee law; international protection; well-founded fear of persecution; exclusion clauses; asylum seekers; interviews; right of asylum; credibility

This book attempts to harmonize issues of proof and credibility in asylum procedure in the Common European Asylum System. This re-mapping of evidentiary assessment needs to counter conceptual and terminological confusion by comparing evidentiary assessment from different areas of law; to identify and analyse empirical problem zones in the practice of evidentiary assessment; and to normatively resolve indeterminacy by applying the full potential of international law to it. This book is divided into three parts and the contributors to each part address these issues of proof and credibility in asylum procedure. The first part offers theoretical exploration of different approaches to asylum adjudication and how these impact the meaning of concepts and procedural obligations. In particular, it puts concepts used in general legal terminology in the context of specific asylum law. The second part is based on empirical explorations of specific domestic practices and their analysis in relation to legal, sociological and psychological methodologies. It also attempts to offer remedies for visible shortcomings in domestic adjudication. The third part specifies what norms and guidance international law has to offer in addressing the apparent indeterminacy in domestic practices. The epilogue to this volume explains that the challenges of credibility assessment in asylum law could be linked to legal attitudes in criminal procedure.

Refugee crisis and international response: towards permanent solutions? / Bolesta, A. (ed.). - Warsaw : Libra Wydawnictwo i Drukarnia PPHU; Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management, 2005. - 246 p. : bibl.
ISBN : 83-88463-45-4

INDEX TERMS : refugees; returnees; humanitarian assistance; refugee camps; refugee rights; safety of refugees; reconstruction; development; state responsibility; human rights; durable solutions; asylum; refoulement; integration; CSR51; UNHCR; NGOs; European Court of Human Rights; voluntary repatriation; temporary protection; terrorism; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Bosnia and Herzegovina; Canada; United Kingdom; Kenya

This collection of essays deals with the West's response in the forms of policies and regulations towards migration flows. It offers insights into the legal and normative framework of forced migration and into the consequences of conflict and displacement. The collection covers a wide variety of subjects which include relief and reconstruction as an international response to a humanitarian crisis as in Bosnia-Herzegovina; the right of return and the obstacles and limits to the restitution process; and the future of long-term solutions to the refugee crisis, especially the change in immigration policies in the UK and Canada after September 11th. The studies also question issues that range from the efficacy and justifiability of policies to disperse asylum seekers in the UK to the management of humanitarian assistance in Kakuma camp in Kenya.

Refugee law and policy in India / Dhavan, R. - New Delhi : Public Interest and Legal Support and Research Centre, 2004. - ix, 164 p. : tabl., annexes

INDEX TERMS : refugees; aliens; illegal immigrants; national refugee law; asylum policy; refugee status determination procedures; legal decisions; UNHCR; legal protection; nationality; extradition; non-refoulement principle; international refugee law; refugee protection; citizenship; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : India

This report presents India's general and specific approach to refugee situations and challenges. It offers a background to India's refugee law and policy and details the evolution of the Indian policy framework of refugee protection and its relationship with the global refugee protection regime, including the UNHCR. It examines the laws, orders and decisions relating to the control, oversight and treatment of refugees and reviews the extent to which they fulfil and further the cause of protection of refugees. In its final chapter, the report explores the options for initiatives for legislating a national refugee protection law. The report contains two annexes. The first is the original 'model law' suggested for South Asian states and the second annex is the specific 'model law' suggested for India.

The right to seek refugee status in European Union / Da Lomba, S. - Antwerp (Belgium); Oxford (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Intersentia, 2004. - xii, 325 p. : bibl., index
ISBN : 90-5095-349-2

INDEX TERMS : asylum seekers; asylum policy; CSR51; international refugee law; international humanitarian law; concept of a refugee; refugee definitions; persecution; detention; refugee status determination procedures; national refugee law; UNHCR; European Union
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

This book measures EC/EU asylum initiatives against international refugee and human rights standards and makes law reform proposals to ensure compliance with international standards. It identifies four areas of concern: the interpretation of the 1951 Convention definition of a refugee; access to asylum procedures; the establishment of fair and effective procedures; and the asylum seekers' status pending the determination of their asylum claims. The author argues that any departure from international standards by the EU and its Member States risks undermining the right to seek refugee status and protection as a humanitarian concept. The author also considers Member states' laws and practices, with special emphasis on the United Kingdom and France. This inclusion reflects the mutual influence that national and European measures exercise on one another and reveals existing discrepancies and tensions between national laws and practices. The author urges the European Union to remain true to its commitment to the Treaty of Amsterdam and its humanitarian tradition and vision.

The turbulent decade: confronting the refugee crises on the 1990s / Ogata, S. - New York (NY); London : W. W. Norton and Company, 2005. - xiv, 402 p. : maps, tabl., ill. - Foreword by Kofi Annan
ISBN : 0-393-05773-9

INDEX TERMS : refugees; armed conflict; humanitarian assistance; ethnic cleansing; genocide; mass exodus; repatriation; reintegration; refugee camps; UNHCR; UN; Red Cross; European Union; NATO; history; case studies; international protection
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Iraq; Kuwait; Yugoslavia; Burundi; Rwanda; Zaire; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Afghanistan

In her memoir, Dr. Sadako Ogata, recounts the experiences and challenges of her tenure as the UN High Commissioner for refugees and highlights the critical role played by the United Nations in responding to the major refugee crisis of the 1990s. She recalls this period at the end of the Cold War as one of the most demanding in the history of the organization. The proliferation of ethnic, tribal and religious conflicts led to population displacement on a massive scale. Dr. Ogata offers her personal account of four volatile regions in which she directed relief: Iraq, the Balkans, the African Great Lakes region, and Afghanistan. She discusses the successes and failures of the international community in responding to human catastrophe. She explores issues of refugee protection and humanitarian assistance; coordination between humanitarian organizations and NATO; and the global political and strategic climate in which these crises occurred. Acknowledging the limits of humanitarian action, she calls on the world community to confront the political roots of human displacement and establish mechanisms for an early response to forced displacement. This memoir also contains a brief to the Security Council in November, 2000 and a copy of Dr. Ogata's Mansfield Lecture.

UK asylum law and policy: historical and contemporary perspectives / Stevens, D. - London : Sweet and Maxwell, 2004. - xxxv, 466 p. : tabl., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-421-76350-7

INDEX TERMS : asylum seekers; asylum policy; national security; courts; historical groups of refugees; refugee status determination; international refugee law; deterrence; immigration policy; exclusion clauses; law of asylum; national refugee law; ECHR50; human rights; CSR51; UNHCR; European Union
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United Kingdom

This volume provides a historical and contemporary perspective of UK asylum law and policy, with a particular focus on the evolving legal definition of an asylum seeker. It reveals how history, national determinants, international law and European policy have informed the definition of an asylum seeker. The changing definition of an asylum seeker has in turn effected his inclusion or exclusion and his treatment after arrival. The book is divided into two parts. Part 1 places current asylum law and policy into a historical context, from the 12th to the late 20th century. Part 2 focuses on contemporary aspects of UK and EU asylum and refugee law, assessing four major statutes enacted between 1993 and 2002. The book concludes with an overview of the development of EU asylum policy. It assesses the influences of EU initiatives on municipal law and explores the tensions in UK policy between unilateralism and cooperation, liberalism and restriction. The volume is equipped with tables of cases, statutes, statutory instruments and treaties and conventions dealing asylum law and policy.

Uprooted and unwanted: Bosnian refugees in Austria and the United States / Franz, B. - College Station (TX) : Texas A&M University Press, 2005. - ix, 208 p. : maps, tabl., bibl., index. - (Eugenia and Hugh M. Stewart '26 series on Eastern Europe)
ISBN : 1-58544-412-X

INDEX TERMS : refugees; Bosnians; armed conflict; protection; temporary refuge; cultural identity; xenophobia; asylum policy; admission policy; influx deterrence; government policy; ethnic conflict; UN; UNHCR; NATO; European Union; refugee status determination procedures
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Austria; United States; Yugoslavia; Bosnia and Herzegovina

Between 1991 and 2001, 30,000 Bosnian refugees settled in Austria and 120,000 sought asylum in America and Austria. The post-Cold War period saw a marked change in refugee policy within western democracies when migration as a result of ethno-national violence and cleansing was perceived by host countries as a threat to their stability and security. There was a pragmatic shift from refugee protection to refugee prevention in these countries. The author examines the Bosnian refugee settlement within the context of each country's past and present refugee policy and practices while providing a historical framework of the nations' identity formations in relation to foreigners. This book compares the interaction during settlement between the structural factors in host countries and the socio-cultural variables of the refugee community. It explores the plight of these refugees in Vienna and New York and the skills, strategies and informal networks used by Bosnian refugees to build their lives in the socio-politically exclusivist environment of these large cities. It also reveals how refugees themselves perceived their adaptation to host cities with strikingly dissimilar settlement policies. The author concludes that the inclusive and exclusive processes within host countries had a profound effect on the social organization of the Bosnian refugee community.

Wars on terrorism and Iraq: human rights, unilateralism, and U.S foreign policy / Weiss, T.G. (ed.); Crahan, M.E. (ed.); Goering, J. (ed.). - New York (NY); London : Routledge, 2004. - xxi, 247 p. : index
With a foreword by Mary Robinson, former U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights
ISBN : 0-415-70063-9

INDEX TERMS : human rights; sovereignty; foreign policy; terrorism; democracy; international law; UN; European Union; international tribunals; NGOs; NATO; politics; international armed conflict
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Iraq; United States

The essays in this volume, contributed by scholars and practitioners, discuss from different perspectives the nexus among human rights standards, the war on terror, the insecurity in Iraq in the aftermath of the war, and US attitudes towards militarism. They confront the tensions that shape international politics today between issues like realism and idealism, security and rights, war and law, the collective imperatives of the international community and the unilateral prerogatives of sovereign states. These tensions have been exacerbated by the events of September 11th with America's war on terrorism, the consequences of the war in Iraq and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. These events have highlighted the clash between universal aspirations and norms for human rights, on the one hand, and the reality of only a limited authority to ensure the security needed for human rights compliance, on the other. The authors discuss the implications of unilateralism for international peace and security and the legitimacy of US leadership and raise the question how best to defend a state's sovereignty in the face of terrorism in the context of an interdependent world.