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Between past and future : the Roma of Central and Eastern Europe / Guy, W. (ed.). - Hertfordshire (United Kingdom) : University of Hertfordshire Press, 2001. - 429 p. : ill., tab., notes, bibl.
ISBN : 1-902806-07-7

INDEX TERMS : country of origin conditions; Roma; ethnic and national groups; refugees; European Union; NGOs; cultural identity; history; case studies; statistical data; minority groups; social group discrimination; ethnic discrimination; human rights violations
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Eastern Europe; Central Europe

This book brings together opinions and interpretations that focus on the reality of the Romani situation in Central and Eastern Europe. It analyses why and how the Roma have become victims of political and economic post Communist restructuring and explains the background to the mass unemployment and increasing segregation. At the same time it charts Roma political mobilisation and growing resistance to oppression. The book also examines the difficulties of conceptualising Roma, a multicultural diaspora with overlapping identities. For former communist states applying to join the European Union, the situation of Roma has become urgent since their entry requires a guarantee of respect for minorities. The contributors fear that such political concerns may override those for human rights and emphasise the need for a new political resolve to address the integration of the Roma. The book includes a full account of the Fifth World Romani Congress held in Prague in July 2000.

Condemned to repeat? The paradox of humanitarian action / Terry, F. - Ithaca (NY); London : Cornell University Press, 2002. - 282 p. : annexes
ISBN : 0-8014-3960-4

INDEX TERMS : Afghans; Cambodians; NGOs; humanitarian intervention; humanitarian assistance; refugee camps; protection; refugees; international cooperation; civil war; Nicaraguans; Salvadorans; Rwandans; conflict resolution; international aid
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Pakistan; Thailand; Honduras; Zaire

This book explores questions about the negative consequences that can result from well-intentioned humanitarian action. It adopts a historical approach to the study of 'refugee-warriors' and humanitarian action and challenges two assumptions of the contemporary international aid regime. The first, epitomised as 'complex-emergency', depicts the post-Cold War environment as more complicated than that of the past and posing new dilemmas for aid organisations. The author contests this viewpoint and suggests that the nature of the dilemmas is essentially unchanged but it is the response to these situations that has gradually become more complex. The second assumption is the growing assertion that aid is becoming a major factor in the continuation of conflicts and exposes the inherent tensions in providing assistance to populations without contributing to the forces responsible for their suffering. The author analyses several cases of military refugee camps that precede the Rwandan crisis - the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan, the Salvadoran and Nicaraguan refugee camps Honduras, and the Cambodian refugee camps in Thailand. He concludes that in the absence of serious research on the precise effect of aid on a given conflict it is very difficult to say if it is humanitarian aid or other political, economic and military resources available to belligerents that can prolong conflicts.

Counselling refugees : a psychosocial approach to innovative multicultural interventions / Bemak, F.; Chi-Ying Chung, R.; Pedersen, P. B. - Westport (CT) : Greenwood, 2003. - 256 p. : index, bibl. - (Contributors in psychology ; ISSN 0736-2714 ; no 40)
ISBN : 0-313-31268-0

INDEX TERMS : refugees; mental health; case studies; psychotherapy; psychological problems; counselling; resettlement country; culture shock; adaptation; psycho-social problems; mental disorders; testimonies; cross-cultural communication

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Afghanistan; Norway; Sweden; Sudan; Ethiopia; World

The growing numbers of refugees continue to raise major social, economic and political issues and tensions concerning their psychosocial adjustment and adaptation in their resettlement country. This book addresses the mental health of refugees combating displacement and a hostile environment and presents a new model of psychotherapy and its application through a series of refugee-related case studies. It explores the refugee situation from a global perspective and provides a representative discussion on challenges encountered by refugees in Africa, Europe, the Pacific Rim and the United States. These challenges require therapeutic interventions that are culturally sensitive and take into account socio-political and historical backgrounds of refugees.

Free movement of persons within the European Community / Weiss, F.; Woolridge, F. - The Hague (Netherlands); London; New York (NY) : Kluwer Law International, 2002. - lxvi, 249 p. : bibl., index. - (European Monographs ; no. 30)
ISBN : 90-411-1708-3

INDEX TERMS : workers; history; economics; national law; international instruments; freedom of movement; political institutions; employment; visas; residence; family; trade unions; nationality; immigration; refugee law; European Union; Schengen Convention; migrant workers; civil and political rights

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

This work attempts at a comprehensive overview of the European Community law relating to the free movement of persons. It explores the doctrinal basis, institutional framework, legal compliance, judicial development and derogation on grounds like security and health. The book also studies certain relevant matters concerning companies and their freedom of establishment. It offers information on diverse subjects like visas, the free movement of workers, posted workers, harmonisation of professional qualifications, freedom to provide and receive, services, European citizenship, and agreements between the European Community and other states concerning free movement. It emphasises on the rights of third country nationals and on the importance of the EURODAC regulation enacted in 2000. While referring to the relevant provisions of the European Community Treaty and amendments by subsequent treaties like Treaty of Amsterdam and Nice, the volume presents all relevant secondary legislation and draft treaties and resolutions. The authors conclude by highlighting obstacles that remain to this freedom and propose recommendations for future developments in this area of Community law. The volume contains a very extensive listing of cases presented to the European Court of Justice and the judgements of the Court, as well as a table of treaties and European legislative instruments.

Freedom of movement of persons: a practitioner's handbook / Apap, J. (ed.). - The Hague (Netherlands); London; New York (NY) : Kluwer Law International, 2002. - 507 p. : bibl.
ISBN : 90-411-176-87

INDEX TERMS : workers; freedom of movement; nationality; legislation; employment; family reunification; discrimination; protection; residence; taxes; housing; qualifications; social security; civil and political rights; European Union; vocational training

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

This practitioner's handbook starts by exposing the failure of European Union's commitment to the single market concept and European Union because of the restrictions countries have imposed on the free movement of persons. It reviews and analyses European Community/European Union law on free movement of persons and European citizenship, the Title IV related to policies on third country nationals, the Maastricht Treaty and the association and co-operation agreements with third countries. It brings together relevant documentation to help practitioners remedy situations concerning transfer of unemployment benefits, harmonisation of professional qualifications, transfer of retirement benefits, age limits defining dependents, restriction on family reunions, rights of third country nationals married to EU nationals and persons dependent on social assistance.

Global changes in asylum regimes : closing doors / Joly, D. [ed.]. - New York (NY) : Palgrave Macmillan, 2002. - 224 p. : tab., index, bibl. - (Migration, minorities and citizenship ; ISSN 0-333-71047-9)
ISBN : 0-333-91320-5

INDEX TERMS : asylum seekers; refugees; internally displaced persons; women refugees; asylum policy; human rights; international protection; temporary response; social role; gender groups; human rights organizations; burden sharing; influx; return migration; UN; European Union; refugee experiences; refugee camps; social change; sexual violence; persecution; refugee status; statistical data
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS :; Europe; Africa; Iraq

Through the examination of key issues and regional studies, this book argues that asylum regimes throughout the world display convergent trends. It links human rights and asylum and explodes the myth of international protection. It analyses temporary protection based on the European model. The author draws lessons from international protection in Kosovo and evaluates European Union harmonization initiatives. This study stresses the role of refugees as social actors and develops the complexity of gender and refugee women's issues. It maps out theoretical and policy issues relating to return in Africa and explores the relationship between asylum law and liberal governance; and it demonstrates the changing role of human rights organizations. (adapted from publisher's abstract)

History in exile: memory and identity at the borders of the Balkans / Ballinger, P. - Oxfordshire (United Kingdom) : Princeton, 2003. - 328 p.: ill., bibl., annexes
ISBN : 0-691-08696-6

INDEX TERMS : ethnic groups; world war 2; political problems; violence; exodus; international conflict; refugees; Slovenes; Croats; Italians; Yugoslavs; history
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Balkans

This book explores the rearrangement of political borders after the Second World War in the Mediterranean region. The work highlighting this new political configuration emphasizes Istrian exodus. The study also talks of the migration of some 350,000 ethnic Italians, Slovenes and Croats. The book analyses the experiences of those who undergo actual displacement along with those who suffer interior displacement, losing their homeland without ever physically moving. It demonstrates how one group misses the crucial dialogue, as well as shared history, uniting these populations. (Adapted from author's introduction)

Human rights and good governance: building bridges / Sano, H.-O. (ed.); Alfredsson, G. (ed.). - The Hague : Kluwer Law International, 2002. - 261 p. : tab., bibl. - (The Raoul Wallenberg institute human rights library ; Vol. 9)
ISBN : 90-411-1776-8

INDEX TERMS : indigenous people; minority groups; administrative law; human rights; government policy; international organizations; public administration; private sector; state responsibility; democracy; economic, social and cultural rights; political situation; public sector; adaptation; non-political crimes; case studies; international law

This volume examines the relationship and interaction between good governance and human rights. It aims at conceptual and institutional bridge-building by underlining that good governance guidelines should have universal applicability, affecting international organizations and national governments. In the absence of an established consensus on human rights being integral to good governance, the book assesses the advantages of using existing links and identifies new processes of realizing mutual support between good governance and human rights. The contributors present an interdisciplinary dialogue and examine their topics on the basis of theory, best practices, law, the experience of societies undergoing democratic transition and allow for a plurality of interpretations all aiming at further strengthening good governance and human rights as integral elements of a global agenda. Part I, of the book, deals with the complementary nature and contradictions of the concepts and contents of human rights and good governance. Part II addresses a number of specific human rights topics and looks into how indivisibility, interdependence and human rights capacity-building can relate to good governance programs. Finally, in Part III, bridge-building is explored from the point of view of governance subjects.

Human rights and human security / Ramcharan B.G. - The Hague (Netherlands); London; New York (NY) : Martinus Nijhoff, 2002. - v, 246 p. : index. - (International Studies in Human Rights ; vol. 70)
ISBN : 90-411-1818-7

INDEX TERMS : minority groups; indigenous groups; right to liberty and security; violence; poverty; peace efforts; terrorism; international humanitarian law; ethnic discrimination; human trafficking; CERD65; CERD; UN; NGOs; UNDP; international security; human rights instruments
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : world

The aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, has posed a challenge for the human rights regime and tested the relationship between freedom and security. As the quest for human security becomes the defining issue, the need to understand the link between human rights and human security becomes imperative. This book attempts to trace these linkages and emphasises that governments devise policies and methods of governance to realize the specific rights and freedoms in the main human rights conventions. The author suggests three conceptual pillars to guide future endeavours: first, maintaining the UN consensus on the universality of human rights; second, emphasising the elements of independent expertise in following up on treaty obligations of governments to uphold human rights; and third, drawing on grass root support for human rights.

Mass refugee influx and the limits of public international law / Egli, A. V. - The Hague : Martinus Nijhoff, 2002. - 319 p. : index, bibl. - (Refugees and human rights ; Vol. 6)
ISBN : 90-411-1921-3

INDEX TERMS : convention refugees; international law; refugee impact; international protection; expulsion; refoulement; refugee/local community relations; international instruments; NGOs; UN; UNHCR; influx; compassion fatigue; government policy; international humanitarian law; refugee status determination procedures; denial of refugee status
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World

The focus on situations of mass influx in this book demonstrates the size and urgency daunting evidence of human sufferings and the restrictive interpretation and implementation of refugee rights and entitlements. The purpose of this thesis is to identify, describe and examine existing legal and practical obstacles for an effective and consistent implementation of these basic refugee rights in host countries. The book is divided into three parts. Part 1 contains an introduction detailing the basic premises of this study that include a working hypothesis, methods and sources and establishes the terminology used in the book. Part 2 addresses the question of international co-operation and the international legal responsibility to protect refugees, particularly in situations of mass influx that overwhelm domestic reception capacities in financial, practical and social terms. Part 3 studies why refugees remain at risk while in exile. The book also includes a summary of conclusions mapped out in headlines, a postscript highlighting historical aspects of the movement and treatment of refugees and a select table of cases with reference to the case-law examined in the analysis.

The mercy factory : refugees and the American asylum system / Einolf, J. C. - Chicago (IL) : Ivan R. Dee, 2001. - 263 p. : index, bibl.
ISBN : 1-56663-400-8

INDEX TERMS : receiving country; right of asylum; refugees; asylum seekers; persecution; case studies; asylum policy; national law; detention; refugee definitions; government policy; refugee status determination procedures; imprisonment
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United States

In response to the increasing number of refugees seeking asylum in United States, the federal government has created a complex system of asylum adjudication that has developed and evolved in the last 20 years. The system intends to balance and protect the claims of genuine refugees while maintaining secure borders. This book discusses the recent developments in asylum law and procedure and the issues of concern for the future by following the experiences of four asylum applicants. Their experiences illustrate the complex nature of the asylum system in the United States.

The migration and settlement of refugees in Britain / Bloch, A. - Basingstoke (United Kingdom) : Palgrave Macmillan, 2002. - xiii, 229 p. : tabl., map, ill., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-333-96923-5

INDEX TERMS : refugees; asylum seekers; migration policy; asylum policy; history; education; language; qualifications; employment; community development; community organizations; receiving country; integration; human trafficking; housing; nationality; European Union; UNHCR; national refugee law; government policy
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United Kingdom

The increase in the numbers of asylum seekers arriving in Europe has impacted policy agendas of national governments. This book studies the history of migration to this region and explores current UK and EU migration policy. It analyses the British policy response to asylum demands and how that has influenced the social and economic settlement of refugees. This is done through a case study of refugees from Somalia, Sri Lanka and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The study demonstrates that the social and economic settlement of refugees is influenced by factors like refugee experience before arrival to host country, refugee attitudes and aspirations about migration, their access to economic and social institutions and the availability of community organizations and social networks.

The prevention of humanitarian emergencies / Nafziger, E. W. [ed.]; Väyrynen, R. [ed.]. - New York (NY) : Palgrave, 2002. - 322 p. : tab., index, bibl. - (Studies in development : economics and policy series)
In association with the United Nations University/World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU/WIDER)
ISBN : 0-333-96438-1

INDEX TERMS : peace efforts; political change; humanitarian assistance; violence; human rights; armed conflict; international community; preventive diplomacy; economic development; international relations; economic conditions; armed forces; land reform; national security; NGOs; donors; durable solutions; root causes mitigation; government programmes
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World

To combat the increasing incidence of civil wars and state violence, the contributors to this volume present instruments for donors, international agencies and developing countries. Their recommendations on preventing humanitarian emergencies are based on the political economy and a statistical and case-study analysis of the root causes of war and state violence. They emphasize on long-term social and economic development policies of democratisation, reforming and strengthening institutions and civil society, agrarian reform, economic growth through stabilisation and adjustment, reducing inequalities and redesigning aid oriented to local technology.

Terrorism and the international legal order / Van Krieken, P. - The Hague : Asser, 2002. - 482 p. : annexes
ISBN : 90-6704-148-3

INDEX TERMS : UN; UNHCR; IOM; international law; international instruments; international cooperation; terrorism; migration; ECOSOC; ICJ; regional instruments; UN Secretariat; cross-border operations; UN Security Council; international relations; refugee law
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe; United States

The events of September 11, 2001, brought the subject of terrorism centre-stage and gave impetus to the legal debate on terrorism. This volume aims to describe the various efforts made on the legal front towards an international legal order and reviews the existing international law for a coherent and effective strategy to prevent and combat terrorism. It takes the United Nations as the main norm-setter and discusses the European Union's efforts to harmonize legislation. The author deals with jurisdiction and extradition, with the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court, with safe havens and cross-border aspects. He focuses on all conventions, treaties and declarations that could contribute to a legal response but cautions that this framework is at best a tool to combat terrorism. There is a growing fear that the fight against terrorism will erode the human rights regime and individual freedom will suffer in the face of

increased security. The author discusses this fragile relationship between security, freedom and justice within the current international climate and addresses the question of human rights in the context of ongoing adjustments.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: the challenge of international protection / Ramcharan, B.G. - The Hague (Netherlands); London; New York (NY) : Martinus Nijhoff, 2002. - xx, 250 p. : bibl., index. - (International Studies in Human Rights ; vol. 71)
ISBN : 90-411-1832-2

INDEX TERMS : civilian population; minority groups; human rights violations; armed conflict; international protection; peace efforts; humanitarian intervention; international instruments; ethnic discrimination; human trafficking; Commission on Human Rights; UN; ECOSOC; ILO; UNDP; NGOs; administration of justice
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : world

The Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights was established in 1993 to spearhead United Nations' efforts to protect those at risk or whose human rights were being violated. This book attempts to evaluate and analyse the accomplishments of this office over the last ten years of its existence in the protection and promotion of human rights. It argues that limited protection functions are carried out by the Security Council, the Secretary-General, the Commissioner on Human Rights and its special procedures. Major areas of inadequacy of existing international efforts for human rights need attention to bring about a protection system that effectively anticipates and prevents gross violations, contributes to mitigation and cure and facilitates remedies and compensation. The book includes four appendices: the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 48/141, creating the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; mission statement of the Office of the High Commissioner; statement of the High Commissioner to the chairpersons of the Treaty bodies; and the address of the High Commissioner to the Commission on 18 June 2001.

The unwanted : European refugees from the first world war through the cold war / Marrus, M. R. - Philadelphia (PA) : Temple University Press, 2002. - 414 p. : maps, index, bibl.
ISBN : 1-56639-955-6

INDEX TERMS : historical groups of refugees; Jews; Armenians; Greeks; Turks; history; refugee movements; exodus; emergency relief; League of Nations; UNHCR; international organizations; causes of flight; case studies; World Wars; resettlement programmes; international assistance
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Turkey; Sweden; Portugal; Palestine; Eastern Europe; Balkans; Italy; Germany; France; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Poland; Spain; Soviet Union

This book chronicles the causes and consequences of forced displacement of millions of people in the 50 years between World War I and the 1970s. It discusses the dynamics that produce forced population movements and presents a series of case studies that illustrate the theoretical reasons underlying ethnic and political conflict. The author also presents a historical analysis on the response to ethnic and political persecution, the failure of international organizations, the shortcomings of Western democracies in the inter-War period and the fundamental tensions between idealism and realism underlying all international relations.

Women's rights and human rights : international historical perspectives / Grimshaw, P. (ed.); Holmes, K. (ed.); Lake, M. (ed.). - Basingstoke (United Kingdom) : Palgrave, 2001. - vii, 318 p. : tabl., index
ISBN : 0-333-80195-4

INDEX TERMS : women; refugees; human rights; nationality; history; nationalism; colonialism; gender discrimination; self-determination; equal opportunities; UDHR48; CEDAW79; UN; League of Nations; Commission on Human Rights; womens rights
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : world

This collection of essays highlights dilemmas central to women's struggles for legal, civil and political rights around the world in the last 200 years. Different perspectives from international historians put these political struggles and subjectivities in context and make connections between political history and social and cultural history. The book is divided into three parts. Part 1 provides different views on the impact of imperialism on

the development of feminism as a western discourse and the subsequent emergence of indigenous and nationalist political movements where women played a definitive role. Part 2 presents studies of women's engagements as national citizens. The emergence of global mobilisations in support of women's human rights in the 20th century with their successes and setbacks is the focus of the third part.