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The age of migration : international population movements in the modern world / Castles, S.; Miller, M.J. - 3rd ed. - New York (NY); London : Guilford Press, 2003. - xiii, 338 p. : maps, photos, tabl., bibl., index
First edition, 1993
ISBN : 1-57230-900-8

INDEX TERMS : ethnic and national groups; migrant workers; women workers; refugees; international migration; illegal immigration; labour market; return migration; receiving country; economic recession; migration policy
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World

International migration is a global process and has multiple aspects ranging from migration trends and policies to issues of immigrant incorporation and anti-immigrant policies. This revised and expanded third edition demonstrates the complexity of the phenomenon, the variations and the common factors in international migration movements, what causes them, and their effects on industrialized countries and the developing world. The volume examines the role of migration in the formation of ethnic minorities and the impact of growing diversity on economies, cultures and political institutions. It identifies problems associated with migration and discusses governmental efforts to regulate it and addresses issues of undocumented migration, asylum seeking, human trafficking and war on terror. The book includes concrete examples, tables and maps and provides extensive references for further study.

Culturally competent practice with immigrant and refugee children and families / Fong, R. - New York (NY); London : Guilford Press, 2004. - xvi, 320 p. : tabl., bibl., index. - (Social work practice with children and families)
ISBN : 1-57230-931-8

INDEX TERMS : child refugees; immigrants; family reunification; Latin Americans; immigration; social work; social conditions; living conditions; mental health; cultural integration; case studies; ethnic identity; cultural identity; refugee/local community relations; social adaptation; refugee experiences; value systems; refugee definitions; Asians
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United States

Targeted towards social workers and practitioners, this book offers them a framework for assisting immigrants and refugees through the process of understanding and building on the client's own cultural values. To find solutions to immigrant adaptation and integration that are culturally viable, this book brings together authors who are experts on 14 different cultural groups. The contributors review the history of the immigrant group's migration to the US, discuss specific issues applicable to their families, analyze the group's indigenous strategies for coping, and recommend culturally-friendly strategies for assessing and intervening. The authors underscore the need of having culturally competent social workers sensitive to the impact of immigrants' histories of trauma and loss and to their beliefs and use these to assist them to create a "bicultural blend" with their new environment.

Equality and non-discrimination under the European Convention on human rights / Mjöll Arnardóttir, O. - The Hague; London; New York (NY) : Martinus Nijhoff, 2003. - 265 : tab., index, bibl. - (International studies in human rights ; vol. 74)
ISBN : 90-411-1912-4

INDEX TERMS : non-discrimination; ECHR50; human rights; equal opportunities; protection; right to property; European Court of Human Rights; social status; civil and political rights; case law; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World; Europe

This study argues for a better understanding of equality and non-discrimination provisions under the European Convention on Human Rights. It aims to identify and elaborate on the levels at which the true values and normative reasoning implied in the application of equality and non-discrimination provisions of the Convention take place. Recent developments in the case-law on Article 14 of the Convention and the advent of Protocol 12 to the Convention promise more effective protection against discrimination by focusing on variations in the strictness of objective justification review and an alternative interpretation of the burden of proof under Article 14. The author suggests and develops a three-tiered model of factors that influence the strictness of objective justification review, encompassing various influencing factors that interact with and may support or negate the influence of each other.

Exploding the migration myths : analysis and recommendations for the European Union, the UK and Albania / King, R.; Mai, N.; Dalipaj, M. - London : Fabian Society ; Oxford (United Kingdom) : Oxfam, 2003/11. - vi, 111 p. : tabl., maps, bibl.
ISBN : 0-7163-3059-8

INDEX TERMS : Albanians; asylum seekers; refugees; gender groups; migrant workers; illegal immigrants; international migration; irregular immigration; return migration; reintegration; migration policy; development management; remittances; family unity; ethnic discrimination; testimonies; poverty; refugee experiences; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United Kingdom; Albania

This research paper investigates the causes and consequences of migration with a special emphasis on migrants from Albania, their experiences in the UK and how their departure has impacted Albania, from remittances to the loss of human capital. Based on migrant testimonies, the report identifies the real reasons behind migration. The report seeks a holistic approach, linking development policy with domestic policy on entry and integration. It makes a number of policy recommendations that underscore migration as an unavoidable modern day fact, affecting countries from the developed and developing world. The real choices are in how we govern migration, either we facilitate paths to legal migration or we drive it underground in the control of trans-national criminal groups. It is important to increase efforts to address the root causes of migration for developing and transforming countries, including growing inequality, lack of economic opportunity and social protection and insecurity. By revisiting the debate on migration in the light of the field information, the authors advance certain policy recommendations.

From promise to practice : strengthening UN capacities for the prevention of violent conflict / Sriram, C.L. (ed.); Wermester, K. (ed.). - Boulder (CO); London : Lynne Rienner, 2003. - xii, 429 p. : tabl., bibl., index
A project of the International Peace Academy
ISBN : 1-58826-112-3

INDEX TERMS : UN; peacekeeping forces; armed conflict; ethnic conflict; peace efforts; international intervention; preventive diplomacy; self-determination; international instruments; early warning systems; development aid; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Kenya; United Republic of Tanzania; Fiji; East Timor; Georgia; Colombia; Tajikistan; Liberia; Burundi

This volume of case studies and policy recommendations in conflict prevention seeks to identify opportunities to strengthen the conflict prevention capacity within the UN system, with an emphasis on structural prevention, development and capacity building. The case studies demonstrate the importance of partnership between the UN, relevant regional organizations, key non-governmental organizations with local networks and experts in conflict prevention. Recent experience reveals that knowledge and analytical capacities within key governments and international agencies have failed to keep pace with the growing complexity of international and internal transactions and with the emerging need for specificity in international efforts to prevent conflict. To be effective, strategies need to be based on a greater awareness and respect for political cultures, economic patterns and societal structures. The constant theme throughout the volume is the linkage between preventive strategies and security and development.

The globalization of human rights / Coicaud, J.-M. (ed.); Doyle, M.W. (ed.); Gardner, A.-M. (ed.). - Tokyo; New York (NY); Paris : United Nations University Press, 2003. - vii, 208 p. : index, bibl.

Research project conducted under the auspices of the Peace and Governance Programme of the United Nations University
ISBN : 92-808-1080-4

INDEX TERMS : international community; international law; economic social and cultural rights; civil and political rights; human rights; rights to justice; guidelines

The international community has embarked on an unprecedented effort to map out normative guidelines for global justice. The core premise of this effort is to reach a more ethical understanding and arrangement of relations between individuals and the institutions governing them. Any search for justice requires the identification of values that are considered so critical to the well-being of people that they are eventually institutionalized as rights. These rights become the basis upon which claims are made and the horizon of justice to which society and institutions try to conform. This book examines the imperatives of justice at the national, regional, and international levels. It does this by analyzing civil and political, and economic and social rights. (Adapted from publisher's abstract)

The health of refugees : public health perspectives from crisis to settlement / Allotey, P. (ed.). - Victoria (Australia); Oxford (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Oxford University Press, 2003. - xxiv, 232 p. : fig., graph., tabl., bibl., index
ISBN : 0-19-551593-5

INDEX TERMS : asylum seekers; displaced persons; public health; psycho-social problems; mental health; community development; social work; testimonies; health services
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Australia; United Kingdom

This book attempts to draw together a continuum of refugee health issues tracing the health consequences on individuals and populations from situations of conflict through the process of resettlement in countries of refuge. This collection of papers brings together a broad range of disciplines including human rights and humanitarian law, journalism, public health research and practice, social work and community development, to provide a perspective on the health of refugees and asylum seekers. The contributors highlight the complexity of factors that influence the health of refugees and asylum seekers, and the development of health policies concerning them. They take up the case of Australia in its management of refugees as politicians and the community come to terms with multiculturalism and human rights obligations on the one hand and border protection on the other and underscore the long-term implications of rapidly changing policies on the health of refugees.

Human rights in global perspective: anthropological studies of rights, claims and entitlements / Wilson, R. A (ed.); Mitchell, J. P. (ed.). - London; New York (NY) : Routledge, 2003. - 259 p. : tab., index, bibl. - (ASA Monographs ; vol. 40)
ISBN : 0-415-30410-5

INDEX TERMS : minority groups; human rights; asylum policy; reconciliation; freedom of religion; UDHR48; NGOs; UNHCR; ethnic conflict; reproductive health; case studies; anthropology; religion; human rights instruments; minority groups; civil and political rights; economic social and cultural rights
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe; North America; Asia; Africa

This volume aims to understand, from an anthropological perspective, the consequences of the rise of rights discussion and institutions in both local and global politics. It develops a social critique of rights and the legal process. It examines how a rights regime creates certain types of subjectivities, such as victims and perpetrators, and certain types of acts, such as common crimes versus crimes against humanity. This framing of the social world often neglects the complex range of perspectives involved in the rights process, and ignores the inherent ambiguity of social life. Bringing together ethnographic perspectives from Europe, North America, India and South Africa, the contributors to this volume explore rights at the level of social practice, how the rights are applied and what they are applied for, and suggest some ethical alternatives to current practice. They also demonstrate what anthropology can offer to discussions of human rights in political philosophy and social theory.

Immigration law handbook / Phelan, M.; Gillespie, J. - 3rd ed. - Oxford (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Oxford University Press, 2003. - xvii, 1087 p. : tabl., index
ISBN : 0-19-926459-7

INDEX TERMS : statutory refugees; immigration law; immigration policy; asylum policy; nationality; asylum instruments; refugee status determination procedures; law of asylum; human rights instruments; international protection; terrorism; appeals; CSR51; CRC89; CAT84; CSSP54; European Union
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United Kingdom

This expanded third edition addresses the recent changes, including significant and controversial developments, in immigration and asylum law. The handbook aims to provide a comprehensive and essential reference tool for immigration practitioners. It introduces the new Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002, the British Overseas Territories Act 2002 and the Anti Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001. The book also includes changes to Statutory Instruments and new Procedure rules for Appeals. In addition to domestic legislation, the handbook contains sections on relevant European and international materials, including the full text of the UNHCR Handbook on Procedures and Criteria for Determining Refugee Status and the text of the 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol.

Migration and international legal norms / Aleinikoff, T.A. (ed.); Chetail, V. (ed.). - The Hague (The Netherlands); Washington (DC); Geneva : T.M.C. Asser Press; Migration Policy Institute; Graduate Institute of International Studies; International Organization for Migration, 2003. - xxviii, 353 p. : bibl., annex, index
ISBN : 90-6704-157-2

INDEX TERMS : returnees; asylum seekers; child refugees; immigrants; rescue at sea; migrant workers; forced migration; immigration law; state responsibility; international and national law; international refugee law; human rights; integration; freedom of movement; nationality; human trafficking; family reunification; development; UNHCR; IOM

This study provides sixteen papers on different migration issues prepared by international law experts on international legal norms and standards in the field of migration and is especially targeted to policy makers and those involved in migration management. Experts explore the international norms on state authority to regulate migration, freedom of movement, forced migration, human rights, family unification, trafficking and smuggling of migrants, national security, rescue at sea, health, development, integration and nationality. Besides providing an analysis of each of the individual studies, the book offers an integrated view of the legal norms relevant to international migration. These are embodied in multilateral treaties and conventions, regional agreements and customary international law. The volume also identifies significant gaps in international law, recommending areas for further cooperation.

No refuge : the challenge of internal displacement / Newland, K.; Asomani, K. (ed.). - New York (NY); Geneva : OCHA, 2003. - xv, 153 p. : map, graph., tabl., photos, bibl., index
with contributions by Erin Patrick and Monette Zard
ISBN : 92-1-132023-2

INDEX TERMS : internally displaced persons; internal displacement; internal conflict; civil war; durable solutions; humanitarian assistance; legal protection; sexual abuse; sovereignty; land reform; ICRC; NGOs; UN; case studies; guidelines; safety zones; forced relocation
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Iraq; Angola; Russia; Zimbabwe; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Sudan; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Colombia; Mozambique; Somalia; Afghanistan; Tajikistan; East Timor

This volume outlines the emergence of internal displacement as an issue on the international humanitarian agenda in the late 20th century and explores the conceptual challenges that confront policy-makers and humanitarian actors today. More than 25 million people have been uprooted within the borders of their own countries because of conflict and persecution and are unable to turn to their own governments for protection or assistance. The publication analyses this displacement against the backdrop of the major themes that delineate the policy framework of humanitarian action and diplomacy, such as sovereignty, access, the protection of vulnerable people and the various issues that need to be addressed to resolve the problems of the displaced. The author uses case studies to draw on operational lessons from crisis of internal displacement over the last twenty years. The aim is to situate the issue of internal displacement within the broader developments in humanitarian thinking and practice and contribute to the evolution of realistic and humane policy approaches to the challenge of the internally displaced. The publication contains two annexes: the first contains the guiding principles on internal displacement and the second provides an overview of IASC members and others extending services to internally displaced persons.

The politics of migration and immigration in Europe / Geddes, A. - London; Thousand Oaks (CA); New Delhi : Sage Publications, 2003. - xi, 220 p. : fig., tabl., bibl., index. - (Sage Politics Texts)
ISBN : 0-7619-5669-7

INDEX TERMS : immigrants; minority groups; migration policy; immigration policy; economic integration; international migration; government policy; European Union; international cooperation
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Europe

This book discusses the conceptual and geo-political widening of the migration issue in contemporary Europe. In conceptual terms, it explores new types of migration and the developing forms of state and international response to this growing movement. In geo-political terms, it discusses how the impact of international migration has widened from Western Europe to include newer migration countries in southern, central and eastern Europe. The author reviews the importance of international migration and defines it as a dependent variable the understanding of which is shaped by institutions and organizations in receiving states as well as by relations between states. In order to explore the development and impact of European co-operation and integration, the author selects 15 European countries. The selected countries provide heuristic case studies for a comprehensive understanding of responses to immigration in 'older' and 'newer' immigration countries and an analysis of the European Union's impact.

Protecting human rights : instruments and institutions / Campbell, T. (ed.); Goldsworthy, J. (ed.); Stone, A. (ed.). - Oxford (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Oxford University Press, 2003. - xxii, 344 p. : tabl., index
ISBN : 0-19-926406-6

INDEX TERMS : human rights instruments; human rights organizations; freedom of expression; ethnic discrimination; constitutions; democracy; civil and political rights; economic social and cultural rights; treaties; UDHR48; ACHPR81; ECHR50; CRC89; case studies; case law

The increasing dominance of human rights in world legal and political systems has fuelled the political debate on the content and form of human rights and their implementation. The contributors to this volume explore the conceptual and moral issues deriving from the expansion of the rights discourse, and discuss the institutional mechanisms that may be adopted to protect human rights. The book can be divided into three parts. The essays in the first part deal with the conceptual boundaries and functions of human rights. In the second and third parts the chapters move to considering how rights are to be protected in democratic legal systems and focus on a particular institutional arrangement for the protection of human rights. The volume includes tables of cases and legislation dealing with human rights in different countries.

Reading humanitarian intervention : human rights and the use of force in international law / Orford, A. - Cambridge (United Kingdom); New York (NY); Melbourne (Australia); Madrid; Cape Town (South Africa) : Cambridge University Press, 2003. - ix, 243 p. : bibl., index. - (Cambridge studies in international and comparative law)
ISBN : 0-521-80464-7

INDEX TERMS : international community; humanitarian intervention; international intervention; genocide; international law; legal theory; self-determination; democracy; sovereignty; reconstruction; human rights violations; international relations
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World

In this book the author challenges the dominant theory for humanitarian intervention during the 1990s as championing the cause of democracy, self-determination and human rights over national interest or imperialistic ambitions. The author provides critical readings of narratives that accompanied such interventions and shaped justifications for the use of force by the international community. She argues that that a far more limited, exploitative and conservative interpretation of the ends of intervention was adopted during the period than is generally admitted. Using a multi-disciplinary approach and a wide range of sources, including critical legal theory, feminist, postcolonial and psychoanalytic theory and demographics, the author discusses the cultural and economic effects of armed humanitarian intervention. The book concludes by cautioning on the costs involved as the world moves from an era of humanitarian intervention to international relations dominated by wars on terror.

Refugee law in Australia / Germov, R.; Motta, F. - Victoria (Australia); Oxford (United Kingdom); New York (NY) : Oxford University Press, 2003. - xlv, 899 p. : annexes, bibl., index, tabl.
ISBN : 0-19-550998-6

INDEX TERMS : refugees; asylum policy; immigration policy; immigration law; immigration status determination procedures; refugee status determination procedures; international protection; international law; law of asylum; CSR51; CSRP67; history; case law; country of origin; well-founded fear of persecution; appeals; refugee instruments
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Australia

This book attempts a comprehensive examination of the refugee determination system as it now operates in Australia. It traces the history and development of the 1951 Refugee Convention and the Protocol relating to the status of refugees 1967 and the implementation of Australia's obligations. The main focus of the book is on the interpretation of Australian Courts of the Refugees Convention, the understanding of the definition of a refugee as contained in it and of the exceptions and exclusions to the Convention. The book includes a comprehensive legal analysis of the case law and the decision-making mechanisms for assessing applications for refugee status from the primary decision-making level to the High Court. It also contains information about applicable procedures and practical advice for case presentation. The appendices include information resources, the text of the UN Convention, excerpts from legislation, a case list and a list of acronyms and abbreviations used in the text.

Refugee manipulation : war, politics, and the abuse of human suffering / Stedman, S.J. (ed.); Tanner, F. (ed.). - Washington (DC) : Brookings Institution, 2003. - xii, 202 p. : tabl., index
ISBN : 0-8157-8090-7

INDEX TERMS : Cambodians; Afghans; Rwandans; refugees; vulnerable groups; victims of war; combatants; humanitarian assistance; refugee-assisting organizations; international organizations; civil war; armed conflict; methods and means of war; international security; armed attacks on camps; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Thailand; Pakistan; Zaire

The contributed essays in this volume examine growing difficulties faced by refugee regimes and international organizations trying to protect those fleeing violence as they are threatened those trying to coerce these vulnerable groups in the pursuit of their national and factional interest. Refugees are used as tools of strategy - to legitimize causes, to recruit new fighters from refugee camps, to use camps as sanctuaries for comrades and to isolate refugees to prevent repatriation. The politicization and militarization of refugee camps further escalates ongoing wars and contributes to more destructive and protracted regional wars. As the humanitarian organizations face these challenge of how to reduce the occurrence and severity of this growing problem, the contributors to this volume focus on the security environment surrounding military camps and how best the humanitarian agencies need to respond. They examine and analyze three cases of refugee manipulation: Cambodian refugees along the Thai border in the 1970s and 1980s; the manipulation of Afghans in Pakistan in the 1980s and 1990s; and the plight of the Rwandans in Eastern Zaire in 1994. In such situations the tendency is to treat these issues as humanitarian dilemmas while overlooking their ramifications for international security. To combat refugee manipulation, international agencies need to develop and apply a consistent strategy that looks at these problems as a serious threat to security.

Refugees and forced displacement: international security, human vulnerability, and the state / Newman, E. (ed.); Van Selm, J. (ed.). - New York (NY) : United Nations University Press, 2003. - 391 p. : index, bibl.
ISBN : 92-808-1086-3

INDEX TERMS : refugees; asylum seekers; internally displaced persons; international security; forced migration; international relations; international protection; resettlement; right to return; right to seek asylum; peace efforts; reconstruction; reintegration; sovereignty; international law; media; NGOs; refugee aid and development; conflict resolution; international community; refugee movements; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : World; Haiti; Bosnia and Herzegovina

The contributors to this book demonstrate that human displacement is both cause and consequence of conflict within and among societies. This makes the management of refugee movements and the protection of displaced people an integral part of security policy and conflict management. They explore problems related to refugees and forced displacement which have been exacerbated by the post-September 11th "war on terror" In seeking to address changed attitudes on the nexus between security concerns and migratory flows, the authors argue for a reappraisal of the legal, political, normative, institutional and conceptual frameworks through which the international community addresses refugees and displacement. The book is divided into three parts. Part I deals with a broad range of political, security and normative perspectives; Part 2 examines the dynamics of displacement, return and resettlement; and Part 3 considers international actors and institutions that play a role in the refugee and displacement debates.

Returning home: housing and property restitution rights of refugees and displaced persons / Leckie, S. (ed.). - Ardsley : Transnational, 2003. - 433 p. : index, bibl.
ISBN : 1-57105-241-0

INDEX TERMS : internal displaced persons; refugees; returnees; right to housing; right to property; repatriation; durable solutions; international law; human rights; legal theory; compensation; discrimination; genocide; right to return; forced relocation; indigenous people; land reclamation; land tenure; UN; UNHCR

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : Bosnia and Herzegovina; East Timor; Guatemala; Rwanda; Yugoslavia; South Africa; Turkey; Palestine; Georgia

The contributors to this book address the rights to housing and property restitution as a form of restorative justice for refugees and those forcibly displaced as a consequence of armed conflicts and ethnic cleansing. Though this restitution is an essential element of post-conflict reconstruction and indispensable for justice and related peace and stability, it is a complex and challenging process. The authors study the topic of restitution of housing and property in the light of lessons learned in the Balkans, South Africa, East Timor and a range of other countries that have made the shift from conflict to peace and focus on the legal and human rights aspects of this question. They also deal with unresolved restitution cases in Georgia and Turkey, and for specific groups including Palestinian refugees and indigenous people.

Supporting refugee children in 21st century Britain : a compendium of essential information / Rutter, J. - Fully revised ed. - Stoke on Trent (United Kingdom); Sterling (VA) : Trentham Books, 2003. - viii, 312 p. : fig., tabl., map, bibl., index
ISBN : 1-85856-292-9

INDEX TERMS : child refugees; unaccompanied minors; youth; asylum seekers; refugee definitions; childrens rights; integration; settlement assistance; education policy; language education; second language teaching; human rights; psychological problems; ethnic discrimination; Africans; Asians; case studies
GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS : United Kingdom

This updated compendium studies the effects of new legislation, including the Race Relations Amendment Act (2000) and the new Asylum Act and its consequences for refugee children. The author's particular focus is on how changes in the law and developments in educational practice have impacted children of refugees and asylum seekers. The book is divided into two parts. The first part identifies good practice in the educational provision for refugee children that have been effective in promoting their learning skills from pre-school to the end of school. Within this context, the author discusses health care of refugee children, their emotional and psychological well-being, parental involvement and family literacy. Part 2 provides detailed accounts of the backgrounds of 35 of the major refugee groups in Britain, including Albanians, Eastern European Roma, people fleeing from Afghanistan, Iraq and the former Soviet Union.