



Refugees, Regionalism and Responsibility

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Regional cooperation is sometimes seen as the answer to refugee movements. This book examines whether regional arrangements have resulted in protection and durable solutions for refugees and how responsibility for refugees has been shared at the regional level. Posing critical questions about responsibility-sharing and regionalism, the book is a timely contribution on an issue garnering increasing attention as a result of maritime arrivals in the Mediterranean and Southeast Asia.

'Refugees, Regionalism and Responsibility sets out to critically analyse the extent to which particular regional arrangements have resulted in protection and durable solution for refugees. In my view, it achieves this objective and more through an in-depth presentation of facts and perspectives and a multi-faceted analysis that reviews programmes for their impact on regional dynamics, individual refugees and migrants and other displaced groups.'

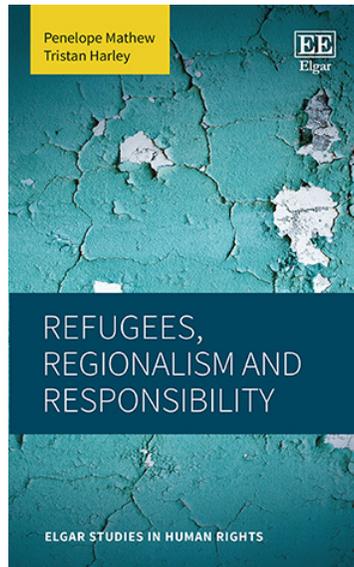
– Journal of Refugee Studies

'Refugees, Regionalism and Responsibility serves as an important and timely scholarly analysis of many of the key legal, political and moral arguments surrounding regional responsibility for refugee protection. It should be seen as a key text for students and researchers studying this growing area of refugee and forced migration studies.'

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'At a time when the Syrian refugee crisis is engulfing the EU, regional cooperation frameworks for refugee protection are increasingly being seen as the only fitting response to refugee movements. Yet, current examples such as the EU's agreement with Turkey, which came into effect in April 2016, has shown how intractable any regional solution to refugee problems is today. Under this, asylum-seekers returned from Greece are being deported back to their countries without their claims being assessed. This is in stark violation of the fundamental principles of the Refugee Convention. This comprehensive and timely study by renowned experts in the field helps us understand the proper role and function of regional cooperation agreements in a world riven with instability and economic chaos. This is an indispensable work. No one interested in understanding refugee law can afford to be without it.'

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