

## Responding to refugee crises and displacement through regional governances

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### Abstract

The aim of migration governance is to regulate the causes and consequences of migration in order to change a traditionally spontaneous and unregulated phenomenon into a more orderly and predictable process. The debate over the governance of the international refugee regime has emerged during the 1990s, with challenges such as the increase in numbers of asylum seekers and irregular migrants, declining asylum opportunities, the growth of humanitarian emergencies in conflicts, and the rise of nationalist populist discourses linking migrants and refugees to security threats. This presentation examines the role of regional governances in refugee crises and displacement. It focuses on recent developments in Europe and North America to explore the strengths and limits of the refugee protection frameworks.

### Biography

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