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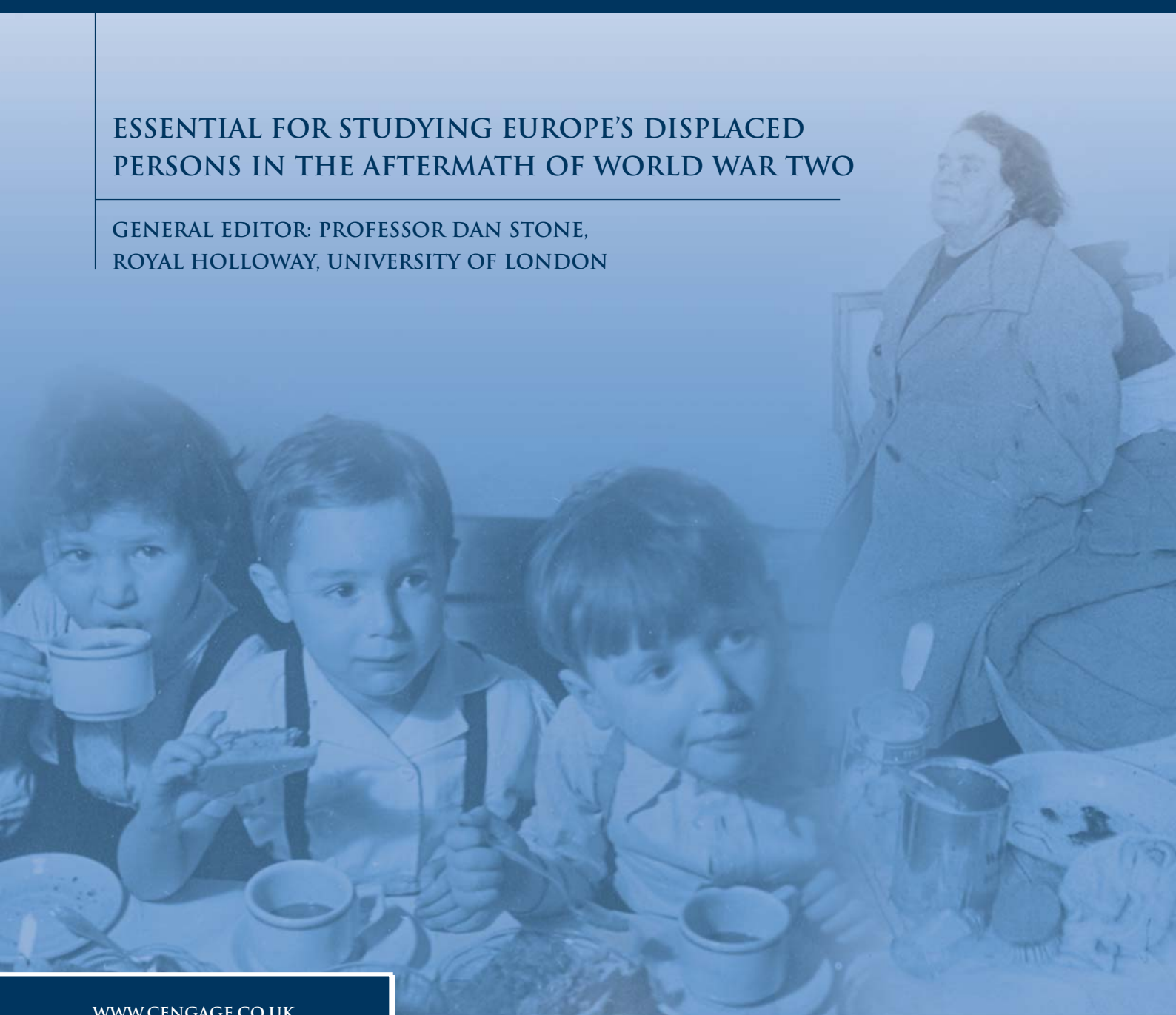
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# Post-War Europe | Refugees, Exile and Resettlement, 1945 – 1950

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ESSENTIAL FOR STUDYING EUROPE'S DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF WORLD WAR TWO

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Although the War in Europe ended officially in May 1945, the struggle continued for millions of homeless people who had been displaced by military action, deportation into labour or concentration camps, or local racism and discrimination.

The burden of the refugee problem taxed the Allied governments and Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) relief groups in their attempts to administer, feed and house a moving people searching for their lost families and a permanent home. The Displaced Persons (DPs) were refugees from across Europe and USSR with a large percentage originating from Eastern European countries who were fleeing Soviet rule and were not able to return to their homelands until after the fall of the Berlin wall. Many returned to key positions in the reconstruction of their countries in the 1990s. In contrast, most citizens from Western European countries such as France, Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium chose to return home following the end of the war.



Extracts from Post-War Europe: Refugees, Exile and Resettlement, 1945 – 1950

Post-War Europe: Refugees, Exile and Resettlement, 1945 – 1950 is a new online collection of primary source materials from the holdings of the Wiener Library and The National Archives of the UK and covers the politics and administration of the refugee crisis in Europe after World War Two.

## Among the events and perspectives documented are:

- Refugee camps across Europe including England, Germany, Italy, Hungary and Yugoslavia
- British zone repatriation policy and operations
- Displaced Persons' Assembly Centre reports
- The Maclean Mission in Italy
- Records of the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation
- British Military Government in Germany
- Belsen DP Camp
- Adoption of Jewish orphans

This unique archive explores the situation and plight of the survivors, both Jews and non-Jews, of the Holocaust and World War Two, and their first steps back into life and community. The collection contains documents of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and NGO files on the refugee crisis plus documents on the day to day lives of the refugees themselves.

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## Main features and benefits of this online resource

- Original unpublished documents from The National Archives of the UK on immediate Post-war refugees and Displaced Persons following the liberation of the concentration camps which include DP Assembly Centre Weekly Reports, War Office memos, telegrams and administration and operational directives of Allied Forces in Italy and Germany
- The records of Rose Henriques' Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, housed at the Wiener Library, which include Exodus Camp records, US zone reports, JRU directives, forms, orders and records, correspondence of relief organisations and leaflets of relief agencies
- Specially-commissioned thematic essays by leading scholars for teachers and students with links directly to the documents mentioned
- A chronology
- Multimedia: contemporary film clips and photographs

“*There is an enormous amount of material here for original research at all levels and in all varieties of history: diplomatic, political, economic, social, cultural, intellectual, as well as scope for using the material for investigating issues as wide-ranging as disease, religion, language, children, the black market or post-war trials.*”

Professor Dan Stone, Royal Holloway College, University of London

## Introduction and essays

The Archive includes an introductory essay and six commissioned essays on key topics with direct links through to the documents. These essays provide a scholarly analysis of some of the important issues and offer an accessible introduction for students unfamiliar with this archival material.

- **Introduction** by Professor Dan Stone, Royal Holloway, University of London

Thematic essays linking directly to the original documents

- **The Henriques Archive: A Source for Research on Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust in the aftermath of the Second World War** by Ben Barkow, Director of the Wiener Library
- **Preparing for a New World Order: UNRRA and the International Management of Refugees** by Dr Jessica Reinisch, Birkbeck College, University of London
- **Displaced Persons and the Desire for a Jewish National Homeland** by Dr Michael Brenner, Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich
- **The Politics of Displaced Persons in Post-War Europe, 1945-1950** by Professor Arieh Kochavi, University of Haifa
- **Displaced Persons, 1945-1950: The Social and Cultural Perspective** by Dr Angelika Königseder and Dr Juliane Wetzel, Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, Berlin
- **'A Continual Source of Trouble': The Displaced Persons Camp Bergen-Belsen (Hohne), 1945-1950** by Dr Rainer Schulze, University of Essex

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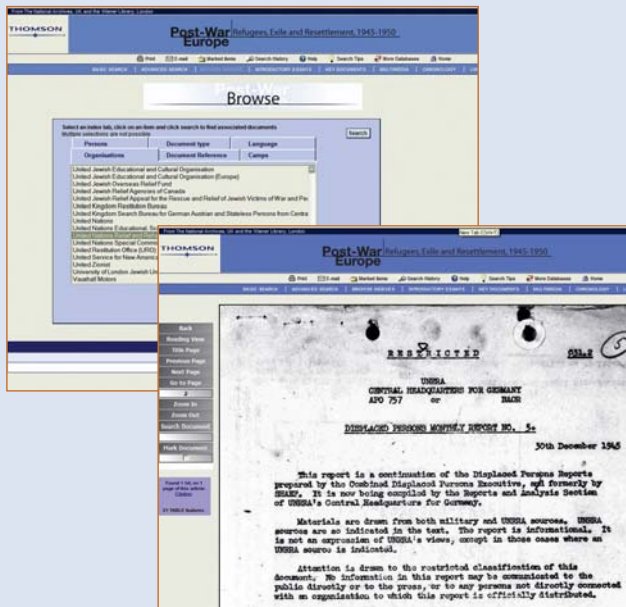
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**Post-War Europe: Refugees, Exile and Resettlement, 1945 – 1950** is a new online collection of primary source materials and is an invaluable source for research, research-based teaching and students of Jewish studies, German history, Holocaust and World War Two studies, Displaced Persons (DPs) and Refugee studies, Genocide, and Peace studies.

“*The files here represent a remarkable collection that will allow students and scholars to address many themes, from the social life of the DP camp to the machinations of the great powers from the World War Two to the Cold War concerning the control of populations...as a resource the collection is unparalleled.*”

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