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In 2015, the world recorded the largest number of displaced individuals in modern history. Across Asia, Africa, the Americas, and Europe, the environmental, financial, political, and cultural impacts of migrant populations and borderland disputes dominate headlines. Yet in order to contextualize modern crises, it is vital to understand the historical, geographic, demographic, economic, social, and diplomatic dimensions of past border and migration issues.

Border and Migration Studies Online helps students and researchers understand today's world through primary source documents, archives, films, and ephemera related to significant border events and areas from the 19th to 21st centuries.

At completion, the collection will include 100,000 pages of text, 175 hours of video, and 1,000 images. In collaboration with an international board of scholars, materials were selected and organized around fundamental themes such as:

- Border Identities
- Border Enforcement and Control
- Border Disputes
- Border Criminologies
- Maritime Borders
- Human Trafficking
- Sea Migration
- Undocumented and Unauthorized Migration
- Global Governance of Migration

The collection combines videos, primary sources, reports, monographs, and photos, representing both personal and institutional perspectives, to provide historical context and primary resources for the growing fields of border(land) studies and migration studies.

Scholars, faculty, and students from many disciplines, including history, law, politics, diplomacy, area and global studies, anthropology, sociology, geography, medicine, the arts, and others, will find useful resources in *Border and Migration Studies Online*.

"It is a fantastic commentary on the inhumanity of our times that for thousands and thousands of people a piece of paper with a stamp on it is the difference between life and death."

> Dorothy Thompson, American journalist and radio broadcaster

#### Teaching and Research Applications:

With Border and Migration Studies Online, students and researchers can utilize primary and secondary sources to study borders and migrations through interdisciplinary, comparative, and cross-national perspectives. For example, users can:

- Examine events through the interactions of personal documents (firsthand accounts) and institutional sources (from governments and organizations).
- Compare events related to the walls in Berlin, Israel/Palestine, and U.S./Mexico.
- Evaluate colonial responses to a range of conflicts.
- Examine policies towards control in different settings.
- Research the history of U.S./Mexico relations, Turkey's evolution, and Latin American borders.
- Explore the situations of refugees in Europe during WWII and compare those with today's responses.

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# **CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS**

**Archival documents** provide students and researchers with access to primary sources and rare content rich in information on major border issues.

Extract from the minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners under the 5th Palade of the I the comment. Treaty of Shent . "Bester June 1" 1820. "The agents of the suspective bearmons als presents The following proposition which being read new operate by the Boord and ordered to be ordered on the Jon and a part of the instructions to the Surveyors Boston 1 June 1820 " The agents of the respective Governments for The purpose of carrying the operand instructions into and Party on the part of rock from month to send, and the section of Country Work of the Softwark to option the same and the other for the purpose of making explorate South of the St John . - On the northern side of Hent Since, His Surveyor on the part of the United States, of period for that Survey is to have the prior right of nor the segurement in writing contemptated by complied with the requisition of the Surveyor in The part of this Buildannie Mayerly is to be proformed. - On The South side of The St John This Buildmine Majestys Surveyor appointed for that survey is to be persented of the same right of privily of survey as is **National Archives at Kew** – Through a partnership with the National Archives at Kew, *Border and Migration Studies Online* includes archival records that will offer new insights into major border events throughout history, including government and personal accounts, legal perspectives, maps, and more. Highlights include:

- Extract from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners under the 5th Article of the Treaty of Ghent. Archive: United Kingdom. National Archives at Kew
- ▼Topical maps of Lagunitas. Archive: United Kingdom. National Archives at Kew



**Monographs** deliver retrospective analysis for the archival items and documentaries included in this online database. They contextualize the multimedia sources and support understanding of the different views expressed across the database.



The Oxford Handbook of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, Oxford University Press explores the development of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies as an academic discipline and the challenges faced by those who work with displaced populations

**Documentaries** and films highlight specific border issues worldwide as well as the experience of individuals in forced migration situations, such as the refugee crisis of the last decade.



Like a Man on Earth (Zalab, 2008) — This film explores the consequences of Italian anti-immigration policy. It consists of accounts by Ethiopian refugees whose "crossing" to Europe came at a high price. The interviews are made by Ethiopian national Dagmawi Yimer, who himself fled political repression in his country in 2005.



**At Home in the World** (DR Sales, 2015) – An intimate depiction of the everyday lives of five refugee children on a Danish Red Cross asylum school. The children have different nationalities and backgrounds, but they have all fled their homes with their families, arriving in Denmark with the hope of starting over.

### **SPOTLIGHT:** U.S. and Mexico

Purgatorio: A Journey Into the Heart of the Border, produced by Rodrigo Reyes, La Maroma Productions, Foprocine and RR Cinema

(Surrey, England: Journeyman Pictures, 2015), is a mosaic of vignettes about the everyday struggles of those who work and live in the borderlands separating Mexico and the United States.





Barbed Wire Fences and Highway Paralleling Mexican Border, June 2, 1919

Beyond la Frontera: The History of Mexico-U.S. Migration examines the transnational and historical impact of migratory trends as they developed in Mexico and the U.S. from the midnineteenth century to the present

Julie M. Weise, in The David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History, edited by Benjamin H. Johnson and Andrew R. Graybill (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2015)



# **Key Border Events and Areas Covered**

- Border Events and Areas Context\* Afghanistan and its Borders\* Angola and Namibia Argentina and its Borders\* Austria and Hungary\* Australia-Indonesia-East Timor\* Bangladesh and India Benin and Nigeria Botswana and Namibia British Guiana Boundary Disputes (Venezuela and Brazil)\* Bulgaria, Macedonia, and the Balkans Burma and Thailand\* Burundi and Tanzania Cambodia and Thailand\*
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