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INTRODUCTION

Welcome! We're glad you're here. *Forced Migration in Canada* is intended to be a comprehensive repository of teaching and learning resources related to displacement to, and in, Canada, from colonization and slavery, to trafficking, statelessness and refugee protection and resettlement. In each section, we have compiled multimedia resources to introduce students, researchers and the general public to the key issues.

Some of the videos have been specifically created by the Collaboratory on Forced Migration in Canada, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the University of Ottawa. Others have been curated from existing pedagogical, media and public education sources. This open educational resource received support from the University of Ottawa Library OER Grant. If you would like to suggest additions, or notice any broken links, please contact Christina Clark-Kazak (cclarkka@uottawa.ca).



VIDEO:

Introduction. Forced Migration in Canada:

<https://collabzium.com/en/articles/introduction-aux-migrations-forc%C3%A9es-par-christina-clark-kazak>

PART I

HISTORICAL, LEGAL AND POLICY CONTEXT

1.

INDIGENOUS DISPLACEMENT



VIDEOS:

Obomsawin, Alanis. “Trick or Treaty?”:

https://www.nfb.ca/film/trick_or_treaty/

The Ahiarmiut: Out of the Way Dwellers | Tell Our Stories:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zZKKS_ByBo

Uprooted:

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/uprooted-the-little-known-story-about-mikmaw-history-of-forced-relocation/>



PODCASTS:

This place:

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/cbc-podcasts/1020-this-place>

The Indian Act (Secret Life of Canada):

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/cbc-podcasts/203-the-secret-life-of-canada/episode/15721469-s2-the-indian-act>



READINGS:

Multiculturalism and myth-making in Canada

<https://openeducationalberta.ca/settlement/chapter/multiculturalism-and-myth-making-in-canada/>

History of Residential Schools, Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada, *Canadian Geographic*

<https://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca/article/history-of-residential-schools/>

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SLAVERY



WEBSITES:

One Too Many: Enslaved Africans in Early Ontario, 1760 – 1834 Website:

<http://enslavedafricansinearlyontario.ca/home/>

Historical Legacies, Black Canadian Slavery, and Institutional Histories:

<https://www.aaihs.org/historical-legacies-black-canadian-slavery-institutional-histories/>



READINGS:

Black Enslavement in Canada:

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/black-enslavement>

The Enslavement of Africans in Canada, Immigration and Ethnicity in Canada, volume 39, Canadian Historical Association:

<https://cha-shc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/The-Enslavement-of-Africans-in-Canada.pdf>



ARCHIVES:

African Nova Scotians in the Age of Slavery and Abolition:

<https://archives.novascotia.ca/africans/>

Enslaved Africans in Upper Canada:

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/explore/online/slavery/index.aspx>



TEACHING RESOURCES:

House of Bâby Portrait and Teaching Guide:

<https://www.camalandcamille.com/house-of-baby>

Wanted Exhibit:

<https://ago.ca/RewardWanted>

Brought in Bondage: Enslaved Blacks in the Town of York:

<https://www.myseumoftoronto.com/programming/brought-in-bondage-downtown-walking-tour/>

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BORDERS



VIDEOS:

Borderstory:

<https://www.eringoheenglanville.com/borderstory>

Akwesasne History Project: Border Crossing. 2020, 16 May:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_aDqHCYwxc



PODCASTS:

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. 2018. The Border Next Door. The Doc Project podcast:

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/docproject/the-border-next-door-1.4595074>

Borders podcast:

<https://podcast.app/borders-e124103982>

Border and rule:

<https://www.sfu.ca/vancity-office-community-engagement/below-the-radar-podcast/episodes/113-harsha-walia.html>



ARCHIVE:

<https://www.rememberingrefuge.com/>



READINGS:

Expanding Canada's borders

<https://www.fmreview.org/externalisation/ellis-atak-abualrob>

Conceptualising externalisation: Still fit for purpose?

<https://www.fmreview.org/externalisation/tan>

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DEFINITIONS AND LABELS



VIDEOS:

Definitions and categories:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0DBBa1-8Io>

Refugee and forced migration narratives:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syYZU_otwJU



READINGS:

Terminology matters: From “economic migrants” to refugees

https://coveringmigration.com/learning_pages/terminology-matters-from-economic-migrants-to-refugees/

Humanity, not crisis

<https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/opinion/2022/03/29/humanity-not-crisis-aid-refugees>

Ukraine: The good, the bad and the ideal refugees

<https://theconversation.com/ukraine-the-good-bad-and-ideal-refugees-176926>

Rebecca Hamlin, ‘Migrants’? ‘Refugees’? Terminology is contested, powerful, and evolving

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/terminology-migrants-refugees-illegal-undocumented-evolving>

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THEORIES OF REFUGEE PROTECTION



PODCAST:

Ideas from the trenches – Refuge:

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/ideas-from-the-trenches-refuge-1.3336921>



READING:

Migration studies: From dehumanising to decolonising

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/highereducation/2019/07/19/migration-studies-from-dehumanising-to-decolonising/>

What do borders really do?

<https://magazine.utoronto.ca/research-ideas/culture-society/what-do-borders-really-do-immigration-ethics/>

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ETHICS IN FORCED MIGRATION



READINGS:

Ethical Considerations: Research with People in Situations of Forced Migration

<https://doi.org/10.7202/1043059ar>

IASFM Code of Ethics:

<https://iasfm.org/blog/2021/11/12/iasfm-research-code-of-ethics/>

Forced Migration Review. The Ethics Issue:

<https://www.fmreview.org/ethics>

Your rights in research

<https://carfms.org/your-rights-in-research/>

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CANADA'S REFUGEE PROTECTION IN GLOBAL CONTEXT



VIDEOS:

International refugee protection:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=151j-jDoMzk>

Canada's refugee history:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emIbS6DzxSI>

Key rights – UN Refugee Convention of 1951

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5fnRd2_gB4



READINGS:

Beyond the Global Compacts: Re-imagining Protection

<https://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/article/view/40768/36573>

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CANADA'S LEGAL AND POLICY MIGRATION FRAMEWORK



VIDEO:

Refugee rights and realities:

<https://collabzium.com/en/articles/introduction-to-forced-migration-by-christina-clark-kazak-part-6-migrants-rights>



READINGS:

Immigration policy in Canada

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/immigration-policy>

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ACTORS IN CANADA'S REFUGEE RESPONSE



PODCASTS:

UNHCR Canada:

<https://migration-conversations.simplecast.com/episodes/the-global-organization-introducing-the-unhcr>

Immigration Bureaucracy and Postwar Policy-Making:

<https://migration-conversations.simplecast.com/episodes/immigration-bureaucracy-postwar-policy-making>



READINGS:

End the tokenism. Give refugees a voice on our own futures

<https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/opinion/2021/12/15/give-refugees-a-voice-on-our-own-futures>

“A refugee is someone who refuses to be oppressed”

<https://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles/10.5334/sta.dj/>

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS IN REFUGEE POLICY IN CANADA



PODCAST:

The Current. Quebec's new immigration law could be an attempt to win more power from Ottawa:

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-june-18-2019-1.5178745/quebec-s-new-immigration-law-could-be-attempt-to-win-more-powers-from-ottawa-expert-1.5178750>



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Elrick, J. and Béland, D. Managing asylum claims in a federal system with lessons from Germany. IRPP Policy Options:

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/march-2023/managing-asylum-claims/>

Why Quebec's refugee sponsorship suspension is so misguided

<https://theconversation.com/why-quebecs-refugee-sponsorship-suspension-is-so-misguided-149250>

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CANADA



VIDEOS:

Human trafficking in Canada:

<https://collabzium.com/en/articles/human-trafficking-in-canada>

CBC News: The National, dir. 2017. Canada a Target for Human Traffickers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-1rrIr6SKQ>

PART II

INTERSECTIONALITY AND FORCED MIGRATION EXPERIENCES

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GENDER AND SEXUALITY



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Systemic barriers in LGBTQ+ claims:

<https://meurrensonimmigration.com/borderlines-episode-14-how-to-overcome-systemic-barriers-in-lgbtq-asylum-claims-with-sharalyn-jordan/>

Skyler's hearing:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4NGGg7zmCtqHTY7rfPyK2C>



READINGS:

Gender and displacement, *Forced Migration Review*

<https://www.fmreview.org/gender-and-displacement/elbushra>

Canada's guideline 9: Improving SOGIE claims assessment?

<https://www.fmreview.org/latinamerica-caribbean/dustin-ferreira>

UNHCR Policy on age, gender and diversity

<https://www.unhcr.org/5aa13c0c7.pdf>

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SOCIAL AGE AND FORCED MIGRATION ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE



PODCAST:

Radio Canada. The British “Home Children”:

<https://radiopublic.com/the-secret-life-of-canada-Ww0QnZ/s1!85705>



READING:

Family separations in Ukraine highlight the importance of children’s rights, *The Conversation*

<https://theconversation.com/family-separations-in-ukraine-highlight-the-importance-of-childrens-rights-179131>

Grandmothers behind the scenes

<https://doi.org/10.25071/1920-7336.40937>

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DISABILITY IN CANADA'S REFUGEE PROTECTION



VIDEOS:

Disability and forced migration to Canada:

<https://collabzium.com/en/articles/disability-and-forced-migration-to-canada>

Webinar recording: “Supporting Intersectional Needs of Refugees with Disabilities and their Families” hosted by the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, December 2021:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2DTTdHuKNs>

Online exhibit about the resettlement to Canada of blind refugees after the Second World War: “Refugees, Disability and Technology in Transnational Postwar Canada, 1946-1953” by Beth Robertson and the Carleton University Disability Research Group:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.11574/DRG-1000>



READINGS:

Interview with critical disability and migration studies scholar Ameil Joseph from McMaster University “Migration has always been a disability justice issue” about disability-related discrimination in Canadian immigration past and present:

<https://briarpatchmagazine.com/articles/view/migration-has-always-been-a-disability-justice-issue>

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<https://www.fmreview.org/disability/contents>

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RACISM AND FORCED MIGRATION STUDIES



VIDEOS:

Racism in forced migration:

<https://collabzium.com/en/articles/racism-in-forced-migration>

On racism and refugees: In conversation with E Tendayi Achiume and Nyadol Nyuon:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSU_k0bHDHE&t=42s



READINGS:

The urgency of racing refugee studies

<https://carleton.ca/lern/2020/the-urgency-of-racing-forced-migration-conversations-on-the-experiences-of-black-refugees/>

Ukraine refugee crisis exposes racism and contradictions in the definition of human, *The Conversation*

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CLASS IDENTITY IN FORCED MIGRATION



VIDEO:

Class identity and refugee selection in Canada:

<https://collabzium.com/en/articles/class-identity-and-refugee-selection-in-canada>



READING:

Forced migration, exclusion and social class

https://www.eth.mpg.de/5287043/news_2019_08_09_01

PART III

RIGHTS AND REALITIES OF FORCED MIGRATION IN CANADA

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MECHANISMS FOR REFUGEE PROTECTION IN CANADA



VIDEOS:

Refugee protection in Canada

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lraPC7ruIR4>



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The failures of a “model” system: RSD in Canada

<https://www.fmreview.org/recognising-refugees/evanscameron>

The shifting landscape of international resettlement: Canada, the US and Syrian refugees

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PODCAST:

The politicization of refugee policy in Canada:

<https://theconversation.com/asylum-seekers-from-gaza-and-sudan-face-prejudiced-policies-and-bureaucratic-hurdles-227508>

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PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES



PODCAST:

Community sponsorship: A Canadian model for European cities?

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VIDEO:

The Private Sponsorship of Refugees in Canada: An overview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtndBgJljUE>



READINGS:

Private refugee sponsorship in Canada

<https://www.fmreview.org/resettlement/hyndman-payne-jimenez>

Canada's Private Sponsorship model

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/canada-private-sponsorship-model-refugee-resettlement>

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<https://meurrensonimmigration.com/borderlines-podcast-episode-4-jenny-kwan/>



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Canadian citizenship: Practice and policy

https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en_CA/ResearchPublications/202064E

Declining naturalizations signal larger problems in Canada’s citizenship and immigration system

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VIDEO:

Statelessness in Canada:

<https://collabzium.com/en/articles/statelessness-in-canada>



PODCASTS:

“Migration Conversations” podcasts by Jamie Liew:

Deepan’s citizenship:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/deepans-citizenship/id1527452156?i=1000555593163>

A father’s dream:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/a-fathers-dream/id1527452156?i=1000509816884>

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IMMIGRATION DETENTION



PODCAST:

Day 6 Radio Documentary, “How Abdoul Abdi’s defenders helped keep him from being deported”:
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/day6/episode-399-russia-keeps-meddling-sacha-baron-cohen-keeps-punking-impeach-o-meter-che-s-brother-and-more-1.4753119/how-abdoul-abdi-s-defenders-helped-keep-him-from-being-deported-1.4753129>



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The Global Detention Project's "Canada Immigration Detention Profile":
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Tings Chak, "The Architecture of Migrant Detention":
<https://tingschak.com/undocumented-the-architecture-of-migrant-detention>

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Climate Migration Within Canada: Challenges and Solutions:

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PART IV

INTEGRATION AND HOME MAKING

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VIDEOS:

Irene Bloemraad, What Is Canada's Approach to Integration and Why Does it 'Work'?

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VIDEO:

CBC News. Do refugee claimants automatically get access to our hospitals and doctors?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4ZHYInMA6o>



READINGS:

How to develop the mental health care that refugees really need

<https://theconversation.com/how-to-develop-the-mental-health-care-that-refugees-really-need-106144>



PODCAST:

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<https://nccdh.ca/learn/podcast/disrupting-migrant-work>

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Refugees' right to work and access to labour markets, *Forced Migration Review*

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<https://www.fmreview.org/education-displacement>

Protecting the right to education for refugees, UNESCO

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Why the oldest child in Syrian refugee families needs the most urgent support, and what schools can do

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<https://doi.org/10.25071/1920-7336.34723>

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HOUSING AND HOME MAKING



VIDEO:

“Home” by Warsan Shire:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nI9D92Xiygo>



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