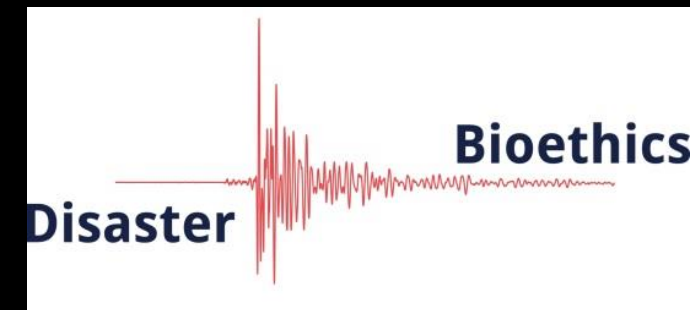


WHY WELCOME THE STRANGER?

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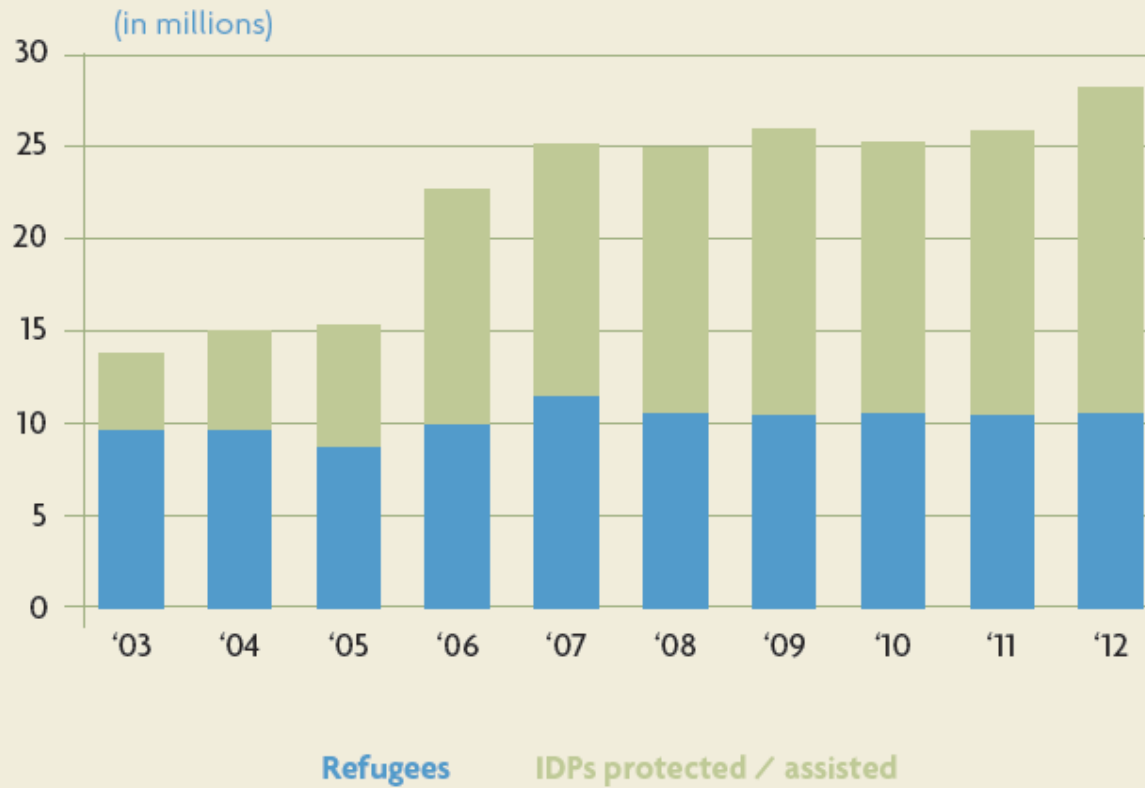


Irish famine, 1840s



The growing crisis

Fig. 2 Refugees and IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR | 2003-2012 (end-year)



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Major source countries of refugees | end-2012

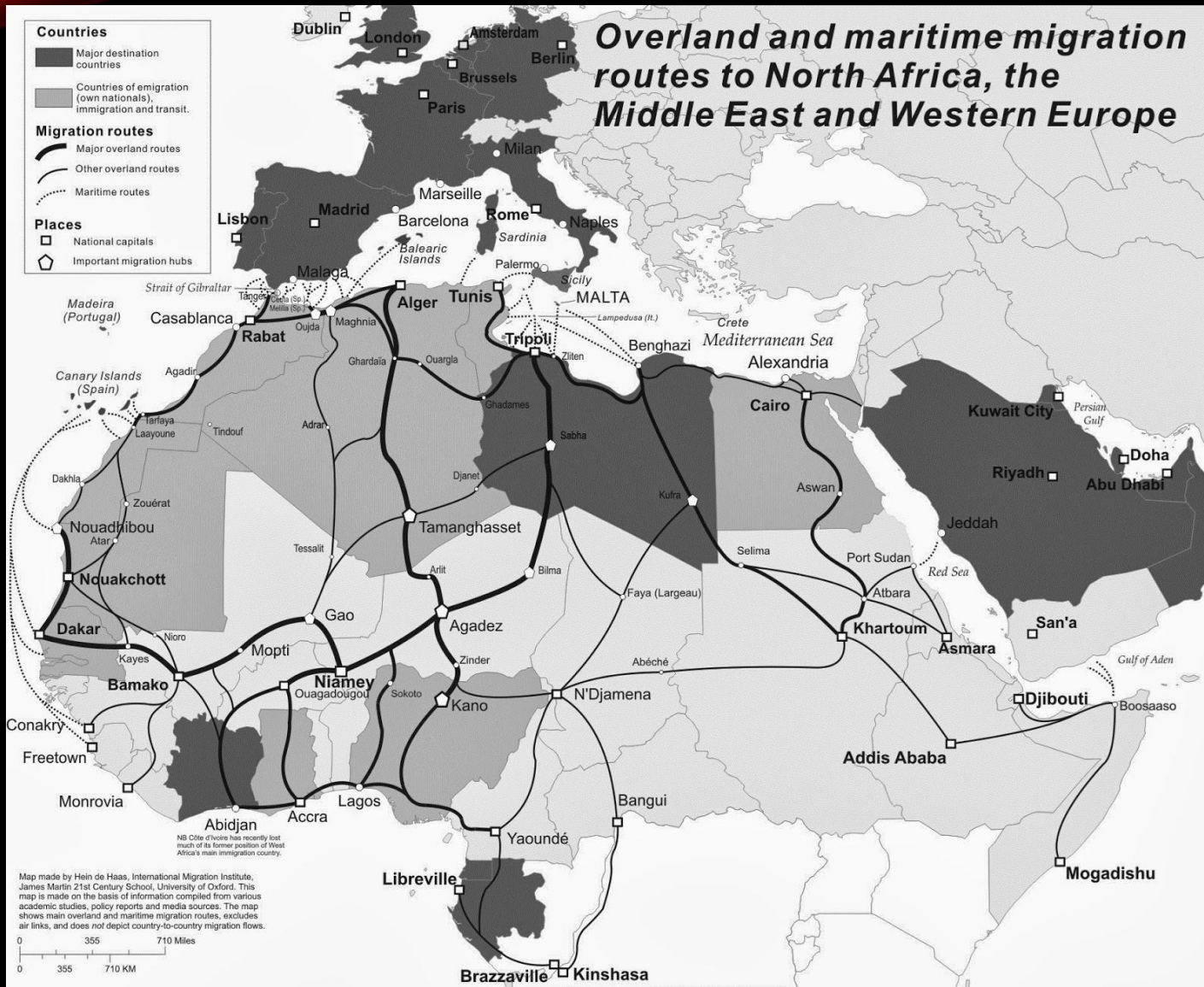



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* May include citizens of South Sudan (in absence of separate statistics for both countries).


** Includes people in a refugee-like situation.

*** The 300,000 Vietnamese refugees are well integrated and in practice receive protection from the Government of China.




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- ‘there are likely more involuntary immigrants—people forced by violence, coercion or deception into crossing borders—today than there were at the height of the transatlantic slave trade’
 - Orlando O. Espin, in *Welcoming the Stranger*, location 863


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- ‘You could make a good argument that our problem in society today is not that people don’t know they should share with others and help the poor. Most people do know and believe this. The real problem is that, while knowing it, they are insufficiently motivated to actually do it.’ (
 - Timothy Keller, *Generous Justice*, p. 79.



- 'Looking around the world, it appears that if all men are brothers, the ruling model is Cain and Abel. Neither reason, nor love, nor even terror, seems to have worked to make us "good," and worse than that, there is no reason why anything should.... As things now stand, everything is up for grabs.'


- Arthur Allen Leff, Unspeakable ethics, unnatural law. *Duke Law Journal* 1979;1979(6): 1249.

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- 'I want to believe—and so do you—in a complete, transcendent, and immanent set of propositions about right and wrong, *findable* rules that authoritatively and unambiguously direct us how to live righteously.
 - I also want to believe—and so do you—in no such thing, but rather that we are wholly free, not only to choose for ourselves what we ought to do, but to decide for ourselves, individually and as a species, what we ought to be.'
 - Leff, p. 1229

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- 'Religious traditions have a special power to articulate moral intuitions, especially with regard to vulnerable forms of communal life.... They should therefore also be allowed to express and justify their convictions in a religious language even when they cannot find secular "translations" for them.'
 - Jürgen Habermas *Between Naturalism and Religion* (Polity 2008) p. 130-1.

- 'Christianity has functioned for the normative self-understanding of modernity as more than a mere precursor or a catalyst... [The source] of conscience, human rights, and democracy, is the direct heir to the Judaic ethic of justice and the Christian ethic of love. ... To this day, there is no alternative to it. Everything else is just idle postmodern talk.'

- Jürgen Habermas, 2002 *Time of Transitions*, 150-1

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- 'To be fully successful as arguments, arguments must be such as to change the heart.'
 - Nussbaum M. *The poetics of therapy. Hellenistic ethics in its rhetorical and literary context* (Academic Printing, 1990), p. 3



- 'You use a glass mirror to see your face;
you use works of art to see your soul.'
- George Bernard Shaw (1921)
Back to Methuselah

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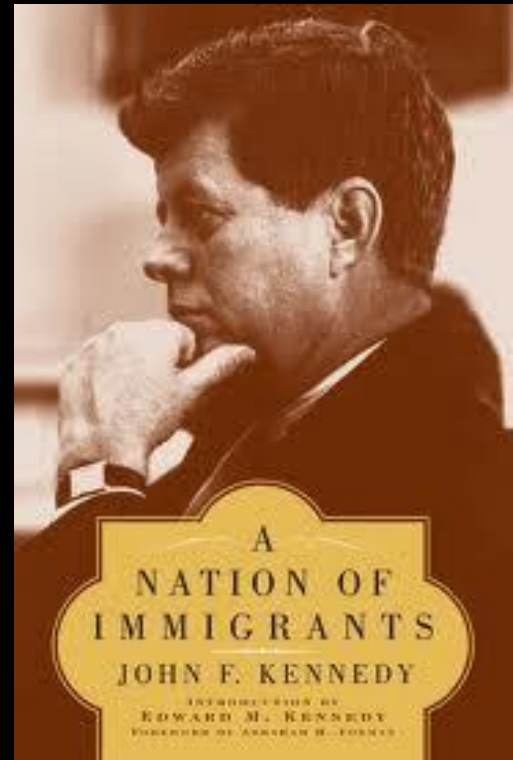
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- Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name,
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, Ancient Lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"



- ‘... as long as they come from Northern Europe, are not too tired or too poor or slightly ill, never stole a loaf of bread, never joined any questionable organization, and can document their activities for the past two years.’
- A new policy where the US ‘could turn to the world with clean hands and a clear conscience.’





- 'New York City alone is home to more than three million immigrants, who make up nearly 40 percent of our entire population. About 500,000 came to our City - and continue to come - illegally.... Although they broke the law by illegally crossing our borders or overstaying their visas, and our businesses broke the law by employing them our City's economy would be a shell of itself had they not, and it would collapse if they were deported. The same holds true for the nation.

- New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, July 5, 2006

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Faith-Based Principles for Immigration Reform

- I. All persons have the right to find opportunities that will allow them to live in dignity in their homeland.
- II. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families if they are unable to do so in their own countries.
- III. Those fleeing violence and persecution should be afforded protection.
- IV. The human dignity and human rights of all migrants should be respected.
- V. Family unity among migrant and immigrant families should be protected and upheld.
- VI. Our traditions call on us to welcome the stranger among us.

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