Call for Contributors: Forced Migration: Exiles and Refugees in the UK and the British Empire, 1810s-1940s

Rationale and Scope:

Forced migration of peoples was a common phenomenon in Europe and its peripheries throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. From the Napoleonic Wars, revolutions, nationalism and imperialism, to the Great War, Communism and the rise of Fascism, this volume aims to fill a significant gap in historical knowledge of this important subject. It focusses upon the movement and settlement of political exiles and refugees from various parts of the world (including from the British Empire) in the UK and the wider British Empire from the 1810s to the 1940s, before the establishment of the United Nations' Refugee Convention in 1951.

The volume explores how policies and practices on border control, reception and settlement, evolved over this time, and how the class, gender, ideology, race and nationalism of the exiles and refugees impacted upon these policies and practices. The volume seeks to answer broader historical questions. Did the British authorities and community more broadly welcome exiles and refugees more readily as time went by, or was there no significant shift or linear pattern discernible? Did policies and practices in the UK transfer quickly, if at all, to the colonial periphery, and what differences and similarities can be determined between the metropole and colonial margins? What are the links between immigration policies and practices in relation to displaced people, with the evolution of humanitarianism? Finally, but not least, what about the vices of the powerless, could they be heard, and was there any change over time?

The editors emphasise that a key consideration in our selections will be balance: balance between cases going to the UK and also to various parts of the British Empire; and balance across the entire period, with cases from across this substantial period, giving no greater focus on any one period over another.

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Proposals:

If you believe that you can contribute a chapter, please send an abstract (up to 250 words) and biography (up to 150 words) to Professor Andrekos Varnava.

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Varnava andrekos.varnava@flinders.edu.au, Yianni Cartledge yianni.cartledge@flinders.edu.au and Dr Evan Smith evan.smith@flinders.edu.au by 13 February 2023. On 20 February 2023 all those who submitted proposals will be notified of the result, and the book proposal will be sent to Brill, to be considered as part of the ‘Studies in Global Migration History Series’. Contributors will have until the end of September 2023 to submit a full draft, receive feedback, revise, and submit the final version by the end of November 2023, with a view to the book being published at the end of 2024 or start of 2025.