During the Second World War, some 60 million individuals across Europe, North Africa, and Asia were forcibly displaced from their homes. *Refugees, Relief, and Resettlement: Forced Migration and World War II* presents unpublished manuscript records that document the causes, effects, and responses to refugee crises across the world immediately before, during, and shortly after World War II. Government records, refugee agency files, and correspondence reveal the hidden history of those uprooted within and across national borders as well as the relief, resettlement, and repatriation efforts that followed.
ABOUT THE COLLECTIONS

- **Refugee Files from the Records of the Foreign, Colonial, Work, Defense, and Home Office, 1938–1950** explores the plight of refugees and the various roles these departments played overseeing the relief, resettlement, and repatriation of dozens of refugee groups from across the globe.

- **Record of the Department of State Relating to the Problems of Relief and Refugees in Europe Arising from World War II and Its Aftermath, 1938–1949** focuses on the department’s efforts regarding “how to deal with refugees displaced by persecution and fighting and unable to return to home in the war’s aftermath.”

- **Archives of the Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief, 1933–1960** documents this agency’s role in aiding refugees from Nazi oppression and survivors of the Holocaust, opening a window into the inner workings of this nongovernmental organization’s relief efforts.

- **Refugee Records from the Public and Judicial Department Collections of the British India Office, 1939–1952** documents the plight of refugees from Thailand, Burma, China, and other Japanese-occupied territories.

### ARCHIVE SNAPSHOT

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**Sources**

- Selected Foreign Office, Colonial Office, Home Office, and War Office files on refugees from the National Archives, Kew, UK
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