

Displacement

Political Science

How the international system handles people who flee.

Categories and obligations.

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Refugee — well-founded fear of persecution

Asylum seeker — claim not yet decided

Internally displaced — has not crossed a border

Stateless — no nationality anywhere

Migrant — broader term, no legal status implied

Core obligation

Non-refoulement — not returning to danger

Applies regardless of how they arrived

Access to a fair status determination

Educational reference. Most displaced people never cross an international border, and so are not refugees in law.