

SANCTUARY: CONTEMPORARY, POLITICAL

Recommended

Bagelman, Jennifer J. *Sanctuary City: A Suspended State*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016. [PDF]

Focuses on the sanctuary-city movement in the U.K., specifically Glasgow. Briefly considers the ancient roots of sanctuary, but mostly focuses on sanctuary as a grassroots alternative to asylum. The author has conducted ethnographic research in Glasgow in order to describe the complex of practices that make it a place of sanctuary. She offers a Foucauldian critique of sanctuary as a “noble practice,” arguing that sanctuary movements are predicated upon acts of supplication and often lead to oppressive periods of extended waiting, constituting a kind of violence. “Hospitality offered through the sanctuary city challenges yet also extends a hostile state of deferral.” The theoretical interventions seem to be pretty ad-hoc, as is the method. Nonetheless, it seems valuable, as she is theorizing “sanctuary” in direct relation to the experience of displaced people involved with grassroots, church-affiliated programs. May provoke conversation.

Jung, Jin-Heon, and Alexander Horstman, eds. *Building Noah's Ark for Migrants, Refugees, and Religious Communities*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015. [PDF]

Edited volume. Contributions are intended “to show the centrality of religion in the home- and placemaking of vulnerable refugees who have fled humanitarian crises and natural disasters.” Thus, “sanctuary” points to religion’s role in the social “emplacement” of refugees.

Chapters Include: Hoskins, Janet Alison, “What Is a Refugee Religion? Exile, Exodus, and Emigration in the Vietnamese Diaspora”; Gravers, Mikael, “Religious Imaginary as an Alternative Social and Moral Order—Karen Buddhism across the Thai-Burma Border”; Jung, Jin-Heon, “Refugee and Religious Narratives: The Conversion of North Koreans from Refugees to God’s Warriors”; Dudley, Sandra H., “Ritual Practice, Material Culture, and Well-Being in Displacement: Ka-thow-bòw in a Karenni Refugee Camp in Thailand”; Horstmann, Alexander, “Secular and Religious Sanctuaries: Interfaces of Humanitarianism and Self-Government of Karen Refugee-Migrants in Thai-Burmese Border Spaces”; Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, Elena, “Conflicting Missions? The Politics of Evangelical Humanitarianism in the Sahrawi and Palestinian Protracted Refugee Situations”; McAlister, Elizabeth, “Humanitarian Ad-Hocracy, Transnational New Apostolic Missions, and Evangelical Anti-dependency in a Haitian Refugee Camp”; Schiocchet, Leonardo, “Palestinian Steadfastness as a Mission”; Jonsson, Hjørleifur, “Conversion and Community among Iu Mien Refugee Immigrants in the United States”; Ninh, Thien-Huong, “Faith in Ethnicity: The Homeland Ties and Diasporic Formation of Vietnamese Caoodaists in the United States and Cambodia”

Golden, Renny. “Sanctuary,” in *The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion*, edited by Robert Wuthnow. London: Routledge, 2013. [PDF]

Concise account of the movement among U.S. churches to help Central Americans enter the country in the 1980’s. Much of the older literature that intersects religion, politics, and sanctuary focuses on this movement (see Bau, Cunningham, Laurentzen, Bibler below).

Mavelli, Luca, and Erin K. Wilson. *The Refugee Crisis and Religion: Secularism, Security and Hospitality in Question*. Rowman & Littlefield International, 2016.

Per the title, this volume is focused on hospitality more than sanctuary, especially Christian and Islamic traditions of hospitality. This might be a point of overlap worth exploring. Unfortunately, this book is not available online or through our library (it has been ordered) so I have not yet been able to explore the chapters in detail. A few of the chapters look promising. The chapter by Zaman Tahir is especially worth exploring. He has written a recent book on Islamic traditions of refuge (included in this bibliography and in the general bibliography). The chapters are: Pilgrim City or Belonging beyond the State: St. Augustine, Pope Francis and the Refugee Crisis, by Mariano Barbato; The refugee experience as existential exile: Hospitality as a spiritual and political response, by Jean-Marie Carriere; **A right to neighbourhood: re-thinking Islamic narratives and practices of hospitality in a sedentarist world, by Tahir Zaman**; The limits of hospitality: finding space for faith, by Sadia Kidwai.

Other

'Abd Al-Rahim, Muddathir. "Asylum: A Moral and Legal Right in Islam." *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 27, no. 2 (n.d.): 15–23. [PDF]

Bau, Ephatius. *This Ground Is Holy: Church Sanctuary and Central American Refugees*. New York: Paulist Press, 1985.

Bibler, Susan. *The Culture of Protest: Religious Activism and the U.S. Sanctuary Movement*. Boulder, Co.: Westview, 1993.

Bohmer, Carol. *Rejecting Refugees : Political Asylum in the 21st Century*. London ; Routledge, 2008.

Collier, Elizabeth et al. *Religious and Ethical Perspectives on Global Migration*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2014.

Religion Chapters: Moses L. Pava, "Loving the Stranger and the Moral Myopia at Agripocessors"; Elizabeth W. Collier, "And They Fled into Egypt: Migration in the Light of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching"; Azam Nizamuddin, "Islam and Immigration"; Charles R. Strain, "The Migrant, My Mother: Buddhist Ethical Perspectives on Migration"

Cunningham, Hilary. "The U.S. Sanctuary Movement." *God and Caesar at the Rio Grande: Sanctuary and the Politics of Religion*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1995.

Levitt, Peggy. *God Needs No Passport: Immigrants and the Changing American Religious Landscape*. New York: The New Press, 2007.

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- Lorentzen, Robin. *Women in the Sanctuary Movement*. Philadelphia : Temple University Press, 1991.
- Schmiedel, Ulrich, Graeme Smith, and (eds.). *Religion in the European Refugee Crisis*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.
- Zaman, Tahir. *Islamic Traditions of Refuge in the Crises of Iraq and Syria*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016. [PDF]
- Relevant chapters: "Jockeying for Positions in the Humanitarian Field" ; "Home Sacred Home"