

# Haven: The Mediterranean Crisis and Human Security

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*'With adroit editorial leadership, John Morrissey and the contributors take us on an intellectual journey. They convey vividly what is at stake for those enduring inhumane security. As they sweep through, it feels all the more poignant as the migration crisis is co-joined with the Covid-19 pandemic.'*

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*'Can human security be salvaged from the violence, exclusions, and cruelties created by the geopolitics of humanitarianism? Haven suggests that it can, offering important insights into developing solidarity while reminding us that the "Mediterranean Crisis" remains a crisis created by exclusionary approaches to security.'*

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Drawing critically on the UN concept of 'human security', this book offers a transformative understanding of security in responding to the Mediterranean refugee crisis. From a range of arts, humanities and social science disciplines, and through case studies incorporating key governmental, NGO and refugee perspectives, the book critiques the major geopolitical, economic and social issues of the crisis. It documents the prioritization of population management techniques that are underpinned by conventional territorial logics of security, before reflecting on the alternative priorities of human security that can facilitate an active human rights framework and a more holistic and humanitarian interventionism.

In advancing a human security approach to the crisis, the book insists upon our interconnected global sense of precarity, interrogates the human consequences of the endless cycles of conflict and displacement, and challenges the impoverished thinking of statist security agendas that divide the world into zones of sanctuary and abandonment.

Of broad appeal and relevance across the social sciences, from geography and migration studies to international relations and critical security studies, this book will also be a timely read for people working for NGOs and policy makers looking for a more holistic response to the ongoing refugee crisis.

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