Refugee Repatriation
Justice, Responsibility and Redress
Megan Bradley

About the Book
Voluntary repatriation is now the predominant solution to refugee crises, yet the responsibilities states of origin bear towards their repatriating citizens are under-examined. Through a combination of legal and moral analysis and case studies of the troubled repatriation movements to Guatemala, Bosnia and Mozambique, Megan Bradley develops and refines an original account of the minimum conditions of a ‘just return’ process. The goal of a just return process must be to recast a new relationship of rights and duties between the state and its returning citizens, and the conditions of just return match the core duties states should provide for all their citizens: equal, effective protection for security and basic human rights, including accountability for violations of these rights. This volume evaluates the ways in which different forms of redress such as restitution and compensation may help enable just returns, and traces the emergence and evolution of international norms on redress for refugees.

Praise for the Book
“In this remarkable book, Megan Bradley brilliantly unlocks one of the greatest challenges in the politics of refugee protection: the conditions for a just return. She does so by integrating nuanced normative analysis with in–depth and highly readable historical cases, attaining both academic excellence and must–read policy relevance.”
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—Dr Khalid Koser, Academic Dean and Deputy Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Key Features

• Brings together legal, moral and political analysis to propose a new theory of just return processes and state responsibility for resolving displacement
• Links debates on refugees/displacement, reparations politics/transitional justice, human rights and peacebuilding
• Uses four case studies on Guatemala, Bosnia, Mozambique and Palestine to problematise theory in light of challenges faced in practice

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