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Edward J. Erickson (ed.), *A Global History of Relocation in Counterinsurgency Warfare*, London: Bloomsbury, 2020; xii+286 pp.; £67.50 hbk; £22.49 pbk; ISBN 978135006297

This collection uses case studies to constitute a military history of the operational use of relocation in counterinsurgency (COIN), aiming for an objective and value-neutral approach. Starting with the expulsion of about half the French settlers from Acadia (present-day Nova Scotia and the Canadian Maritime Provinces), it finishes with resettlement in Portuguese Africa during decolonization. The case-study approach allows a broad range of examples, albeit of variable length. This approach thus offers far more breadth and depth than Laleh Khalilis chapter 2 of *Time in the Shadows: Confinement in Counterinsurgencies* (2013), which provided a sweeping, critical but necessarily shallow overview. This book's broad coverage also makes it more comprehensive than Simon Webb's *British Concentration Camps*, any particular study (say David Anderson's and Caroline Elkins' forensic exposure of British methods and abuses in Kenyan camps and prosecutions), or even overviews of solely British counterinsurgency (such as David French's excellent *The British Way to Counterinsurgency* of 2011, with its argument that the British used coercion and exemplary violence for demonstrative purposes).

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***AVİMs Note:** AVİMs Scholar in Residence Dr. Maxime Gauin is a contributing author to Edward J. Erickson's book reviewed above. For further information, please see Chapter 6 of the book titled *Uneven Repression, The Ottoman State and its Armenians* authored by Dr. Gauin.

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