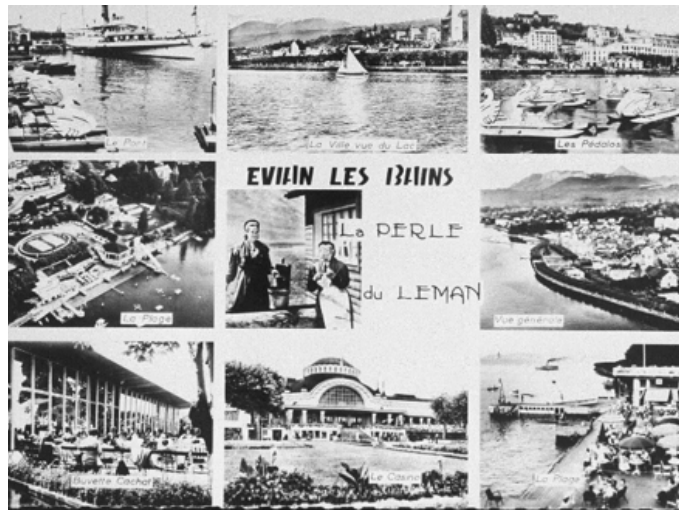




## MODULE - EVIAN CONFERENCE FROM 1938

Based on the international conference on refugees in Evian in 1938 the participants deal with four core questions:

- To what extent am I responsible to help foreigners?
- What is the proper balance between self-concerns and international obligation for refugees?
- What are legitimate and non-legitimate concerns for rejecting refugees?
- To what extent is diplomacy effective or necessary to solve such problems?



Period postcard of Evian-les-Bains, the site of the 1938 International Conference on Refugees.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Martin Smith.



US-american representative Myron Taylor addresses the International Conference on Refugees at Evian-les-Bains, July 1938.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of National Archives and Records Administration, College Park.

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## Aims

- Pointing at the Evian conference as an example for the failure to solve the Jewish refugees' crisis of the 1930s by international diplomatic means.
- Understanding the international obligation to help refugees in crisis both in the 1930s and today.
- To discuss the continuity of questions regarding refugee crises.

## Time Frame

- 90 minutes
- Stage 1: 20 min
- Stage 2: 55 min (introduction 5 min, Re-Enactment 45 min, closing remarks 5 min)
- Stage 3: 15 min

**Stage 1**

**Stage 2**

**Stage 3**



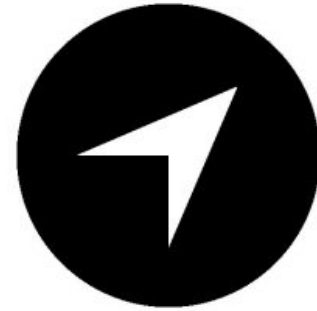

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Stage 1 aims at stimulating an individual reflection on attitudes towards refugees and immigration policies based on notional statements.




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By reenacting the setting and central narratives of the international conference on refugees in Evian in 1938 this stage aims at providing historical knowledge and further reflecting the four core questions.




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The conclusion aims at saving and applying the learning results by through a replay of stage 1. Possible changes in the results will be discussed in plenum.