

# STATELESSNESS: MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Dear subscribers,

We hope you are having a good summer. Due to the summer break we have kept this month's monthly bulletin short including only the essential updates on statelessness in August. Our regular monthly interview and the twitter update will be back in September!

If there is anything you would like us to add to the future bulletins don't forget to send it to news@institutesi.org

### **Announcements**

### VACANCY: Consultancy on the Rights of the Rohingya, ERT

The Equal Rights Trust (London) is recruiting a <u>consultant</u> to support its multi-country study on the human rights of stateless Rohingya, by liaising with project partners, supervising research and supporting advocacy and awareness-raising activities. You must have experience of project management, legal research and advocacy, coupled with inter-personal and organisational skills. Applications should be emailed to <u>recruitment@equalrightstrust.org</u> by **Monday 31 August**.

### 2 VACANCIES: Communications Manager & Operations Manager, ENS

The European Network on Statelessness is now recruiting for a <u>Communications Manager</u> AND an <u>Operations Manager</u>! These <u>two posts</u> will be based at its Secretariat in London and they will play a role in the next phase of ENS' rapid development. Applications should be emailed to <u>info@statelessness.eu</u> by no later than **Monday 7 September**.

## VACANCY: Trainee Fundraising and Communications Assistant, Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion

The Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion is looking for a <u>Trainee Fundraising and Communications Assistant</u>. The Institute's Traineeship programme offers you an opportunity to strengthen your skills as part of the Dutch "starterbeurs" project (<u>www.startersbeurs.nu</u>). During this six month programme, you will learn more about organisational development, fundraising, communications and statelessness, and contribute to the development of the Institute. Apply by email to <u>jobs@InstituteSl.org</u> by **Wednesday 9 September**.

### VACANCY: Programme Director, European Programme for Integration and Migration (EPIM)

European Foundations looking to recruit Programme Director to lead a Collaborative Programme on migration and integration in Europe, and to help develop and implement its next stage of institutional and substantive growth. The Programme Director will be responsible for the management and operational coordination of EPIM. S/he will develop, implement and follow-up the operational elements of the EPIM work programme. Application deadline: **25 September**.

### VACANCY: Donald G. Herzberg Chair in International Migration, Georgetown University

The School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University invites applications for the Donald G. Herzberg Chair in International Migration. The successful candidate will serve concurrently as the Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration. The position is open as to discipline, but the position will be held by a scholar with a distinguished record of publication in the social sciences and be of international reputation. Application deadline: **15 October**.

#### VACANCY: Campaign Coordinator 'Destination Unknown', Terre des Hommes

Terre des Hommes International Federation is looking for a Campaign Manager for the coordination of the <u>Destination Unknown Campaign</u>, a campaign designed to demonstrate and enable significant influence on the rights of children on the move. Application deadline: **12 October**.

### Grants for work on Roma rights in Europe

Open Society Foundations currently has two calls for applications open for grants in support of Roma rights projects in Europe. The first is with the <u>Roma Initiatives Office</u> and provides for institutional-development support from Roma-led start-up organizations in Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Spain that share the ambition of making an impact on EU and government decisions made on behalf of Roma. The application

deadline for this funding call is **5 September**. The second opportunity is with the <u>Human Rights Initiative</u> and supports Roma-led civil society organizations to propose rights-monitoring, advocacy, and campaigning projects to counter discrimination against Roma people in the areas of access to public services and public accommodation, access to justice and protection by law enforcement, <u>access to identity or citizenship documents</u>, and access to legal remedies against hate speech and hate-based violence. The deadline for applications under this call is **10 September**.

### **Statelessness Working Paper Series**

Don't forget the call for research and policy papers for our newly established <u>Statelessness Working Paper Series</u>. This online, open access resource offers an avenue for centralising and sharing the latest knowledge, developments, and research findings on statelessness from multiple fields (including, but not limited to law, sociology, history, economics and health), so as to inform a more effective response to the issue globally. The <u>style guide for authors is now available online here</u>. Deadline for first cycle of working papers: **15 September 2015**. Please email <u>papers@institutesi.org</u>.



# What's new: Publications, Tools & Resources

### Report on Nationality, Migration and Statelessness in West Africa

The detailed report on statelessness in West Africa, prepared by Bronwen Manby for UNHCR and IOM, and used to inform discussions at the ECOWAS conference on statelessness held earlier this year, has now been finalised. Comments from states and others consulted have now been integrated and the report can be found online <a href="here">here</a>.

### EUDO-Citizenship debate on 'Bloodlines and Belonging: Time to abandon jus sanguinis'

A great selection of contributions have now come in to the EUDO-Citizenship debate on the virtues and limitations of *jus sanguinis*, kicked off by Costica Dumbrava of Maastricht University. You can read all the short articles <u>here</u> and you can also still contribute if you are feeling inspired.

### New "State of the World's Minorities" report

The 2015 edition of Minority Rights Group's 'State of the World's Minorities and Indigenous Peoples' report has now been released. It includes chapters on different themes, as well as different regions and also has a range of case studies. The report is available online here.

### "Eyes wide shut: the challenge of humanitarian biometrics"

An interesting article for IRIN about the benefits but also the dangers of the use of biometric technology in the context of humanitarian response. The challenge is to protect the disadvantaged, whose identities may be vital for accessing government services, while preventing powerful states and private companies who may seek to experiment or exploit.

# Several publications on the situation and status of Palestinian refugees

An article by Mazen Masri on "The Implications of the Acquisition of a New Nationality for the Right of Return of Palestinian Refugees," was published this July in the Asian Journal of International Law. In August, a RefLaw blog by Leila Pastore commented on Palestinian Refugees and the Protection Gap. And there is also a new book out, by Luigi Achili, called "Palestinian Refugees and Identity: Nationalism, Politics and the Everyday", published by I.B.Tauris.

## What's new: Law & Policy

### <u>UNHCR's 'Note on Statelessness' summarises achievements since 2013</u>

In June this year, UNHCR reported to its Standing Committee the progress made in addressing statelessness since its last 'Note on Statelessness' was issued in 2013. It discusses the increased commitment to resolve statelessness following the launch of the "#IBelong" campaign to end statelessness in 10 years and highlights the steps that are required to achieve the goals of the campaign, pursuant to the guiding framework established by the Global Action Plan to End Statelessness 2014-2024. It also identifies areas where challenges to addressing statelessness require strengthened international response. Read the note online <a href="here">here</a>, and click <a href="here">here</a> to read the comments delivered by Louise Aubin, Deputy Director of the Division of International Protection, when the note was presented.

### Campaign to prevent and resolve statelessness in Moldova

Until late 2012, 21 years after the break-up of the Soviet Union, over 220,000 people in the Republic of Moldova were holding expired Soviet ID cards and did not have access to all basic citizenship rights such as to vote or to social assistance. The country launched one of Europe's largest campaigns to prevent and address statelessness since the turn of the

century. Between January 2013 and June 2015 alone, a total of 212,000 people benefitted – one out of 20 Moldovan citizens. Read this <u>web-story by UNHCR</u> about the campaign's successes.

# Lawsuit filed against constitutionality of Canada's new 'two-tier' citizenship regime

The BC Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) and the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL) have launched a constitutional challenge to the new Citizenship Act, a federal law relegating over one million Canadians to second-class status. The lawsuit argues that the new Citizenship Act, in force since the passage of Bill C-24, creates a two-tier citizenship regime that discriminates against dual nationals, whether born abroad or in Canada, and naturalized citizens. Under the new law, these Canadians could see their citizenship taken away if convicted of certain serious crimes in Canada or abroad (including in a country that does not have due process or rule of law). New Canadians who became citizens after the passage of Bill C-24 could also lose their citizenship if they move abroad for work, school, or family reasons. Other Canadians would not be vulnerable to losing their citizenship.

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