

First Global Forum on Statelessness

Provisional Programme

Please note that days/times of sessions and content/speakers are subject to change.

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

08.30 – 09.30: Registration

09.30 – 11.00: Welcome and keynote address by Volker Türk, UNHCR Director of International Protection

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: Thematic Panels

Statelessness and surrogacy:

Claire Achmad (Leiden University), Sanoj Rajan (ITM University New Delhi)

Experiences of statelessness and displacement:

Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (Oxford University), Nell Gabiam (Iowa State University), Tun Khin (Burmese Rohingya Organisation in the UK, tbc)

Durable solutions for the stateless:

Ernst Hirsch Ballin (Tilburg University), Tamás Molnár (Hungarian Ministry of Interior), Eva Mrekajova (UNHCR Research Award winner 2013)

Statelessness and strategic litigation:

Maxim Ferschtman (Open Society Justice Initiative / European Network on Statelessness), Francisco Quintana (CEJIL, Dominican Republic), Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh (Lawyers for Human Rights, tbc)

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 16.00: Thematic panels

Birth registration and statelessness – national case studies:

Rana Akoum (Ministry of Justice, Lebanon), Stephanie Gordon (University of Leicester), Ashraf Milad (UNHCR Egypt/Yemen, tbc)

Denationalisation as persecution:

David Baluarte (Washington & Lee University), Eric Fripp (Barrister at Elm Court), H  l  ne Lambert (University of Westminster), Zahra Albarazi (Tilburg University)

Benchmarks and indicators for assessing nationality laws:

Ren   de Groot, Maarten Vink and Olivier Vonk (Maastricht University), Nick Oakeshott (UNHCR, Asia region, tbc), Laura van Waas (Tilburg University)

Statelessness and (social) media:

Mohammad Al-Wuhaib (Kuwait University), Jocelyn Kane (Ryerson University)

16.00 – 16.30: Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00: Keynote address: Nils Mui  znieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

18.00 – 20.00: Reception and exhibition of ‘Nowhere People’, introduced by the photographer, Greg Constantine

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

09.00 – 11.00: Thematic panels

Statelessness and the right to education, work and health:

Michael Hirsch (Hagar International, Cambodia), Nina van Egmond (VU University of Amsterdam), Dato N. Siva Subramaniam (Prime Minister’s Department, Malaysia), Conny Rijken (Tilburg University)

Affecting change: Exploring how and why action is taken on statelessness:

Lindsey Kingston (Webster University), Amanda Cheong (Princeton University), Carolina de Abreu Batista Claro (University of Sao Paulo), Ngo The Hong Loan (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam)

The nexus between stateless persons, refugees & international protection:

Heather Alexander and Jonathan Simon (Tulane University), Mai Kaneko-Iwase (UNHCR Japan/Pakistan), G  bor Gyulai (Hungarian Helsinki Committee), Linda Kerber (University of Iowa)

Statelessness and paralegal projects:

Laura Bingham (Open Society Justice Initiative), Mustafa Mahmoud Yousif (Nubian Rights Forum, Kenya), Laura Goodwin (Namati, Myanmar), Khalid Hussain (Council of Minorities, Bangladesh)

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: Thematic panels

Birth registration and statelessness - regional perspectives:

Jacqueline Gallinetti and Mary Lagaay (Plan International), Amit Sen (UNHCR, MENA region), Nick Oakeshott (UNHCR, Asia region, tbc)

Protecting the stateless from arbitrary detention:

Ben Lewis (International Detention Coalition), Amal DeChickera (The Equal Rights Trust)

Exploring the utility of statelessness determination:

Susan Kennedy (University of Adelaide), Yue Fu (Ibaraki University / Stateless Network, Japan), Stans Goudsmit (Netherlands Institute for Human Rights)

Addressing statelessness through foreign policy: presenters tbc

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.30: Plenary: A roundtable discussion on Statelessness and Empowerment with stateless and formerly stateless persons, led by Barbara Hendricks, world-famous classical singer and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

15.30 – 16.00: Coffee break

16.00 – 18.00: Thematic panels

Children's experiences of statelessness:

Catherine Allerton (London School of Economics), Maureen Lynch (International Observatory on Statelessness), Ian Kysel (Georgetown University Law Center)

Networking for change: the importance of collaboration on statelessness :

Chris Nash (European Network on Statelessness), Lara Chen (Waseda University / Stateless Network Japan / APRRN), Tim Parritt (Oak Foundation, tbc)

Addressing statelessness as a product of irregular / forced migration:

Adrian Berry and Alison Harvey (Immigration Law Practitioners Association, UK), Monica Sanchez Bermudez (Norwegian Refugee Council), Rodziana Mohamed Razali (National University of Malaysia)

Resolving statelessness through confirmation of nationality:

Ivanka Kostic (Praxis, Serbia), Dato N. Siva Subramaniam (Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia), Rico Salcedo (UNHCR Philippines, tbc)

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

09.00 – 10.30: Keynote address by Irene Khan: Director-General of the International Development Law Organisation

10.30 – 11.00: Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30: Cross-theme panels on specific situations of statelessness

Myanmar:

Amal DeChickera (Equal Rights Trust), Katherine Southwick (University of Singapore)

Dominican Republic:

Tatiana Cadoso (UniRitter University), Eve Hayes de Kalaf (Haiti Support Group), Bridget Wooding (Caribbean Migrants Observatory / Ibero-American University)

Malaysia's seagypsies:

Julian Clifton and others (University of Western Australia), Sanen Marshall and Devi Kusardy Cox (Centre for Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning, Malaysia)

Europe's Roma:

Davor Rako (UNHCR Serbia), Julija Sardelic (University of Edinburgh), Michelle (Mila) van Burik (Roma Advisor, the Netherlands)

12.30 – 13.30: Lunch

13.30 – 15.00: Thematic panels

Gender discrimination and childhood statelessness:

Mohna Ansari (National Women's Commission of Nepal), Zahra Albarazi (Tilburg University)

The impact and legacy of statelessness:

Dawn Chatty (Oxford University), Brad Blitz (Middlesex University), Amanda Flaim and David Feingold (Cornell University / UNESCO)

Teaching statelessness (including through university law clinics):

Jos van Schilt and Christina van Kuijck (OLV Lyceum / Tilburg University), Frances Meyler (Liverpool University), David Baluarte (Washington & Lee University)

The prevention of statelessness: contemporary tools and challenges:

Sarnata Reynolds (Refugees International), Laurie Fransman and Adrian Berry (Garden Court Chambers), William Thomas Worster (Hague University of Applied Sciences)

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30: Cross-theme regional workshops

Asia:

Jayantha Shastri Ramasubramanyar (Victoria University of Wellington), Yuyun Wahyuningrum (ASEAN Human Rights Working Group)

Europe:

Katja Swider (University of Amsterdam), Giulia Bittoni (University of Burgundy and Bologna)

Africa:

Bronwen Manby (London School of Economics), Ayalew Getachew (African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child)

Americas:

Polly Price (Emory University School of Law), Katie Tobin (UNHCR Caribbean)

16.30 – 17.30 Closing Plenary

Country presentations: As poster sessions during breaks/lunches

Ireland: Hilikka Becker (Immigrants Council Ireland)

Ukraine: Kateryna Moroz (HIAS)

Greece: Eleni Takou (Hellenic League for Human Rights)

Madagascar: Caroline McInerney (UNHCR Research Award winner 2013)

Iraq: Arash Lahourpour (Islamic Azad University of Sanandaj); Karel Hendriks (UNHCR Iraq)

Kuwait: Ines Fernandes (SOAS)

Kyrgyzstan: Elina Troschenko (University of Bergen)

Iran: Jason Tucker (University of Bath)

Nepal: Dipendra Jha (Terai Human Rights Defenders Alliance)

Thailand: I Hsuan Liu (Chulalongkorn University)

Cambodia: Christoph Sperfeldt and Lyma Nguyen (Asian International Justice Initiative / ECCC)

Spain: Valeria Cherednichenko (Carlos III University of Madrid)

Poland: Dorota Pudzianowska (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights)