



SOUTH ASIAN CONFERENCE on STATELESSNESS

29th & 30th November, 2017

Library Conference Hall, TISS, Mumbai

Statelessness is a profound violation of human rights of an individual and remains to be one of the most pressing humanitarian and human right issues of the twenty-first century. Article 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights clearly states that (1) *“Everyone has the right to a nationality”* and that (2) *“No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality.”* Despite this guarantee, people in all parts of the world face the prospect of living without a nationality or citizenship. The exact number of stateless people is still unknown, but UNHCR estimates that there are at least 12 million stateless globally but official data is available for 3.5 million only. In 2014, the UNHCR announced its Campaign to end Statelessness in ten years. The same year, the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion reported that more people in Asia and the Pacific are affected by statelessness than in any other regions of the world.

Centre for Statelessness and Refugee Studies (CSRS) under the School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance (SCLRG), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai is hosting the first of its kind ‘South Asian Conference on Statelessness (SACS)’ with the aim of increasing research and advocacy for the invisible population suffering due to lack of citizenship or nationality.

The conference will focus on the following themes:

- I. Understanding Statelessness: Global and Regional Perspectives
- II. Causes and consequences of Statelessness
- III. Identification and Mapping parameters of the Stateless persons in the region
- IV. Epistemology, Ontology and Research Frameworks pertaining to Statelessness
- V. Contextualising International Laws/Conventions, Legal frameworks and Policies for South-Asia
- VI. Status of Stateless Women & Children
- VII. Human Rights and Statelessness
- VIII. Role of the Academia/ Government/ United Nations and other International & National Organizations’ NGO etc. in Identifying, Mapping and Ending Statelessness in South-Asia
- IX. Statelessness and Inclusive Policy

The conference will be held during **29th - 30th November, 2017** at TISS, Mumbai.

Selected participants for the conference are requested to submit their full papers on or before 14th November, 2017. For more details ([Click here](#))

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