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Newsletter | October 2019

The Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness has enjoyed another busy and productive period. We are pleased to share with you some recent news, events and activities. Since our last newsletter, we have also been pleased to welcome PhD student Jade Roberts, and Research Fellow Katie Robertson to the team. Katie comes to us from the Human Rights Law Centre, where as Legal Director, she lead the Centre's work advocating for refugees and people seeking asylum.



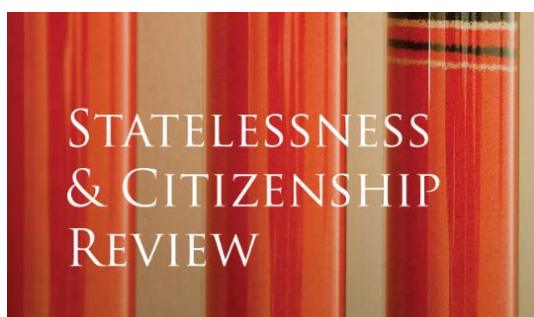
Academic Roundtable in Bangkok

On 25 and 26 September 2019, UNHCR and the Peter McMullin Centre co-sponsored an academic roundtable to assess the state of academic involvement in statelessness-related research and education more specifically in Southeast Asia. The roundtable was hosted by the Social Research Institute of Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. It was attended by 19 academics from Australia, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, the Philippines and Thailand. Our Senior Research Fellow Dr Christoph Sperfeldt represented the Centre.



Voices of Statelessness Workshop

On 18 October, the Voices of Statelessness project — a collaboration between University of Melbourne researchers, Prof. Jennifer Balint and Dr Ashley Barnwell (School of Social and Political Sciences) and McMullin Centre Research Fellow Timnah Baker; and André Dao, Michael Green and Nicole Curby from [Behind the Wire](#) — ran a full-day workshop at the University of Melbourne. Funded by the [Statelessness Hallmark Research Initiative](#), the Voices of Statelessness pilot project is developing a multi-platform digital archive of testimonies about statelessness in Australia and New Zealand. The workshop attracted a diverse audience of artists, academics, lawyers, archivists and museums as well as three participant-narrators affected by statelessness.



Statelessness & Citizenship Review

We have been thrilled with the quality of scholarship in the first two editions of the Statelessness & Citizenship Review. Submissions for the third issue are now open, closing **15 January 2020**. [Visit SCR website](#)



SEMINAR: Uncertain Futures: EU Citizenship in the Shadow of Brexit

*1 - 2pm | Thursday 5 December
Melbourne Law School*

The Centre is pleased to host this presentation by visiting scholar Dr. Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler, Associate Professor in International Refugee Law at the University of Reading, School of Law, where he is the Director of Postgraduate Taught Programmes. This will be the final public event for 2019. [Learn more](#)



Parliamentary Submissions

In recent months the team has made several submissions to parliamentary committees, including to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security in relation to its Review of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Cessation) Bill 2019. All submissions are listed [here](#).



Statelessness Intensive Course 2020

We have had an overwhelming response to our second annual Statelessness Intensive Course taking place in February 2020, and are now fully subscribed, with a wait list. The course has attracted registrants from various South East Asian and African countries as well as from India, Canada, Mexico, South Africa, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Myanmar, New Zealand and Peru. We are currently finalising the course program and lecturers. [Learn More](#)



Visiting Fellowship Scheme 2020

The Centre has awarded five Visiting Fellowships for its 2020 program, comprising researchers from the United Kingdom, India, Ukraine and Austria. Our 2020 Fellows will work on such topics as Statelessness in South Asia; the National Register of Citizens in Assam; and bureaucratic practices in relation to registration, statelessness determination and decision-making. [Learn More](#).



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