



# Statelessness and International Law

Refugees Studies Centre Short Course

17–18 May 2014

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### DAY ONE

#### *PART I INTRODUCTION TO STATELESSNESS*

- 8:15-9:00 Registration and coffee
- 9:00-9:10 Welcome address – Professor Dawn Chatty, Director, Refugee Studies Centre
- 9:10-9:30 Introduction of participants and to the course – Cathryn Costello
- 9:30-10:15 **Introductory lecture:** An Overview of Statelessness Today & UNHCR's Statelessness Work – Mark Manly
- 10:15-11:00 **Panel Discussion:** The State of the Art of Statelessness Research – Mark Manly, Laura van Waas, Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh
- 11:00-11:30 **Questions & Answers**

#### *PART II POLITICAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF STATELESSNESS*

- 11:45-12:30 **Lecture:** The Politics and Ethics of Statelessness – Matthew Gibney
- 12:30-12:45 **Questions & Answers**
- 12:45-13:45 Lunch (provided)
- 13:45-14:30 **Lecture:** The International Legal Framework: Statelessness and the Right to a Nationality – Guy Goodwin-Gill
- 14:30-15:15 **Lecture:** Gender Discrimination in Nationality Laws – Laura van Waas
- 15:15-15:30 **Questions & Answers**
- 15:30-16:00 Tea & Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:00 **Lecture:** The International Legal Framework: Protecting the Stateless and Preventing Statelessness – Guy Goodwin-Gill
- 17:00-17:30 **Questions & Answers**
- 18:00-19:00 **Drinks reception**

## DAY TWO – UNDERSTANDING STATELESSNESS ON THE GROUND

Today's programme comprises various workshops. It is expected that all participants will attend the Workshop on Statelessness Procedures, and choose those regional workshops of interest, at least two. Please do bear in mind that in order to facilitate discussion, it is expected that participants will have read the preparatory materials for the workshops in advance.

9:00-10:45      Workshop on Statelessness Procedures

Protecting the Stateless through Refugee Status Determination: A Comparative Perspective – Michelle Foster

An Introduction to Best Practice on Statelessness Procedures – Chris Nash

The UK Statelessness Procedure in Context – Adrian Berry

10:45-11:00      *Tea & Coffee*

*A brownbag sandwich lunch will be available for collection in the RSC foyer from 12pm until 2pm, to facilitate attendance at as many regional workshops as participants wish.*

*Please indicate as soon as possible which workshops you will attend.*

11:00-12:15      **Workshop A – Rohingya (Amal de Chickera)**

12:30-13:45      **Workshop B – Sudan, South Sudan (Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker)**

14:00-15:15      **Workshop C – MENA, including the Bidoon, Syrian Kurds and Palestinians (Laura van Waas & Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh)**

15:30-16:45      **Workshop D – Dominican Republic (Mark Manley)**

16:45-17:00      *Tea & Coffee*

17:00-17:30      **Small groups convenors** present their findings from Workshops A, B, C, D, to the plenary – Michelle Foster to facilitate

17:30-18:00      Evaluations and final wrap-up session – Cathryn Costello to facilitate