

Statelessness in Philippine Law: Expanding Horizons of the International Stateless Person Protection Regime

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The right to nationality may seem like a novel issue to most. Certainly it does not strike many as familiar unlike other more conventional rights. However, an examination into the history of the right and the current literature scholars have built around it shows that the right actually dates earlier than most expect. Furthermore, it seems that today, in the face of refugee flows and displacement caused by numerous factors, the right to nationality is more important than ever. This is so because nationality does not only connote membership in a certain State community, but also because it brings with it certain rights and protection not afforded to non-citizens, or stateless persons.

In this Article, Atty. Temprosa examines the value of a right to nationality, and the various international instruments which promote better access to nationality for displaced persons. The Author also gives valuable insight as to the different groups who are vulnerable to being stateless, as well as the International and Philippine legal frameworks which seek to remedy the situation.