

Protection of Stateless Persons

Law and Practice of European States in a Global Context

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There are an estimated 12 million persons worldwide who do not possess a nationality. The consequences of being stateless are considerable. Stateless persons are often unable to obtain identity documents; they may be detained because they are stateless; and they could be denied access to education and health services or blocked from obtaining employment.

UNHCR has been given a mandate to work with governments to prevent statelessness from occurring, to resolve those cases that do occur and to protect the rights of stateless persons.

This talk will provide an overview of the global phenomenon of statelessness and will consider what is being done within Europe and further afield to tackle the problem.

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at

The Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7

Attendance is free and open to all.
Certificates will be available for CPD purposes.

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About the speaker: Mark Manly is Head of the Statelessness Unit of the Division of International Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva. He previously worked as Legal Officer in the same unit. Upon joining UNHCR, he served as a Training Officer with the Costa Rica-based Regional Legal Unit from 2001 to 2003 and then as a UNHCR Protection Officer in Colombia until 2006. Prior to joining UNHCR, he worked as a human rights observer with the UN Human Rights Verification Mission in Guatemala from 1995 to 1998 and in 2000 he served as human rights officer in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Mission in Kosovo. Mark holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex (1999).