

# International Symposium: Understanding Human Rights of Stateless People in the Real-life Context in the Asia-Pacific

-Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons-

**June 1st (Sat.)**  
**13:30- 17:00**

**Location:**

**Okuma Small Auditorium, Waseda University**

**Webinar**

**Language:**

**English and Japanese (simultaneous interpretation)**



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Participation is free.

Many stateless people are unable to do things that are often taken for granted – getting registered at birth, going to a school or a hospital, or getting married. 4.4 million people in the world are known to be stateless but the actual number is estimated to be much higher.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, as well as the final year of UNHCR's #IBelong campaign. The number of State parties to the 1954 Convention is reaching the landmark of 100.

The majority of the states in the Asia-Pacific region including Japan has not acceded to the 1954 Convention, nor does it have a system to accurately identify who is stateless. Nevertheless, all the states in the region have ratified key international human rights treaties, and have also actively working on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development contributing to the protection of stateless persons and improvement of their living conditions.

To highlight statelessness situations and some significant developments in the Asia-Pacific region, the panel is participated by experts and practitioners (including of statelessness background) from the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, and Japan. Please join us to discuss what can be done to improve the human rights and wellbeing of stateless persons in Japan and beyond.

Book Review on *Stateless* (NUS Press 2024),

Workshop by Stateless Network Youth's *Rainbow Pendant* and game, the Participatory workshops for Health and Wellbeing of Stateless People.



Organizer :



Co-operation :





🎤 **Tuan Sian Khai** Steering committee, Stateless Network  
**Nakano Kyoko** Stateless Network Youth Alumni

### 🌈 Opening (13.30-13.45)

**Inaba Satoshi** Dean, School of International Liberal Studies  
**Chen Tienshi Lara** Professor, Waseda University  
Founder, Stateless Network

### 🌈 Keynote Speech (13.45-14.00)

**Amit Sen** Senior Statelessness Officer, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

### 🌈 Panel Discussion (14.00-15.20)

Speakers:

**Rodziana Mohamed Razali**  
Associate Professor, Islamic Science University of Malaysia  
**Micheal Venning**  
Executive Director, Indigenous Children's Learning Centers  
**Bongkot Napaumporn**  
Peter McMillin Center on Statelessness, Melbourne Law School,  
the University of Melbourne  
**Ishii Mieko**  
General Director, International Social Services Japan  
Social Worker



Moderator:

**Akiyama Hajime** Assistant Professor, University of Tsukuba  
Co-Representative, Stateless Network  
**Hasegawa Rurika** Co-Representative, Stateless Network

### 🌈 Workshop (15.30-16.50)

**Book review *Stateless* by Chen Tienshi Lara ( NUS Press 2024)**

**-How to raise the voice of Stateless people**

Rodziana Mohamed Razali x Chen Tienshi Lara x Yakushiji Nana

**Global Citizens- How we Youth can Embrace Life with Stateless Children**

Stateless Network Youth

**Improvisation on the Health and Wellbeing of Stateless People**

Jon Rossini Associate Professor, University of California Davis

Yoo Byung-Kwang Professor, Waseda University

**Q&A**

Moderator:

**Akiba Takeshi** Associate Professor, Waseda University  
Steering committee, Stateless Network  
**Oshima Rie** Chief Secretariat , Stateless Network

### 🌈 Closing (16.50-17.00)

**Akiyama Hajime**

**20 June is the World Refugee Day.  
Some stateless persons are also refugees.**