

CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTER PROPOSALS

Nationality Struggles in the 21 Century and its Social Costs in Asiaⁱ

Deadline for submission of abstracts: July 15, 2021

In the contemporary world, policymakers enforce nationality laws to set up a legal and political bond between individual and state and establish the fact of membership. While there are no universally agreed on practices for states to follow while creating their policies of individuals' belonging or non-belonging, states have a sovereign right in international law to grant nationality, and therefore, many states often design their nationality laws in such a way that grant broader rights and privileges to one or specific groups of individuals and deprive others, notwithstanding their strong family and residency ties. In other words, through nationality laws, states often delineate 'members' from 'non-members' in establishing their own identity, which often conflicts with the human right of individuals to a nationality (UDHR). Consequently, individuals who cannot secure effective nationality face limitations of certain rights and inequality with nationals. Whether through ethnically tinted nationality laws in states where ethnic nationalism is present or civic nationality laws, mainly in successor states, the nationality struggles to varying degrees arise in different parts of the globe. Notably, protracted problems related to nationality disputes such as de jure or de facto statelessness, immigration detention without any possibility of expulsion, separation of individuals into the first- and second-class nationals and other instances frequently occur in Asia and affect thousands of people annually, including migrant workers, married women, children and ethnic minorities.

This interdisciplinary book project seeks to examine how nationality disputes appear in various legal, political and social contexts, how people without a recognized legal identity face obstruction from lack of access to a range of rights and how effectively jurisdictions and international actors respond to human needs. Contributions are welcome from a range of different disciplines and research approaches. While grounded in nationality struggles in Asia, authors are also encouraged to bring into conversation broader comparative discussions and issues that reflect on individual case studies.

The book will be published in English with a reputable publisher, and proposals should be submitted no later than **July 15, 2021**. Please submit your proposal by Email as a single Word document that includes:

- (1) a tentative title of the proposed book chapter;
- (2) author's full name and affiliation;
- (3) an abstract of 300-500 words explaining what the chapter will do and how it relates to the book project;
- (4) a biographical note setting out the author's expertise and past/current research in the field (100-250 words), with a list of relevant publications;
- (5) full contact information (email, phone number and postal address).

Please submit this information to (noting in the subject line 'book project abstract'):

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Authors will receive a notice of decisions at the beginning of August 2021. The first draft chapters (6,000-8,000 words) will be due by March 1, 2022 for accepted proposals. Authors will then be invited to a virtual workshop in April or May 2022, jointly hosted by the Center for Asian Legal Exchange (CALE) of Nagoya University, and the Asian Law Centre (ALC) of the University of Melbourne. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the draft chapters, and authors will be required to engage in a peer-review process by reading and commenting on at least one other chapter. The aim is to have a complete book manuscript by late 2022.

We look forward to hearing from you,
Aziz Ismatov, Susan Kneebone, Kaoru Obata, Dai Yokomizo, (editors)

ⁱ This includes East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Central Asia.