

Il diritto umano alla cittadinanza. Un resoconto repubblicano

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The Human Right to Citizenship: a Republican Account

Abstract: What is owed to those who are stateless? This article tackles that question by offering a novel republican account of the human right to citizenship. I argue that such individuals are owed naturalisation, and that this duty corresponding to the human right to citizenship rests primarily with the entire international community, while individual states bear it only in a secondary, derivative sense. I further argue that those with a human right based claim to citizenship include not only the formally stateless, but also refugees, some displaced persons, and some long term migrants. The article contributes to the literature on human rights by showing that the standard view, according to which states are the primary duty bearers and international institutions only secondary duty bearers, requires revision, since some duties correlated with human rights are primarily international. It also contributes to debates in the political theory of migration on the duty to naturalise the formally and *de facto* stateless by clarifying the nature, grounds, scope, and international dimensions of this duty.

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