

OVERVIEW

“Statelessness - Citizens of Nowhere” explores the hidden crisis of statelessness as millions live without legal recognition, rights, or a place to call home. Tracing its roots from the collapse of empires to today’s political divides, the series exposes how borders and exclusionary policies make entire communities invisible. Through voices of stateless people and insights from experts and advocates, this podcast series sheds light on the struggle for identity, dignity, and belonging, urging us all to rethink the true meaning of citizenship in a fragmented world.

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