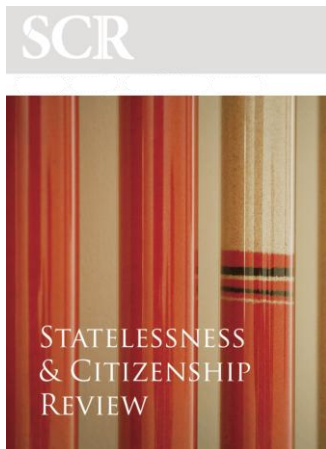# SCR Special Issue on "Citizenship, statelessness and emerging technologies"

Call for Expressions of Interest – deadline 15 October 2025

The [Statelessness and Citizenship Review](#) is pleased to announce that it will dedicate Volume 8(2) to the topic of "Citizenship, statelessness and emerging technologies", to be published in December 2026. This Special Issue will be produced **in collaboration with Laura Bingham,** *Professor of Practice and Clinical Director of the Tech Justice Clinic at Temple Law School, where she also directs the Institute for Law, Innovation & Technology (iLIT). Laura has over fifteen years of experience using research, legal advocacy and litigation to build community-driven networks, promote human rights, and counter authoritarian practices as they intersect with racial justice, securitised migration control, citizenship and statelessness. We invite Expressions of Interest from contributors, including for participation in an optional* **work-in-progress colloquium** *in early 2026.*

About the Special Issue

The advancement of digital technology is widely recognised as one of the global "megatrends" that will shape how our future looks. How we interact with one another, with institutions and with the state is being rapidly redefined by an array of emerging technologies and their evolving uses. These include innovations in mobile technology, the increasing datafication of society, the rapid progression of artificial intelligence and the move towards galvanising digital transformation efforts within the international community such as digital public infrastructure (DPI) – i.e. shared systems that purport to deliver easier and more equitable access to public or private services.

These fast-evolving technologies are already affecting the regulation and experience of citizenship, and of statelessness, in many parts of the world. The automation and privatisation of ordinary state functions, often through a highly securitised lens, is impacting legal status and identity, mobility and bordering, and access to rights and services. Transnational data sharing, surveillance, and externalised repression of dissent interfere with once-settled protection norms and facilitate long-distance weaponisation of documentation regimes. The surging value of data and computing power have led to retrenchment of coloniality and systems of extraction that depend on borders, forced labour, and oppression. In the context of a widespread turn towards more nationalist and authoritarian rule, governments are also deploying data and digital surveillance technologies to support narratives of othering, close civic space, prevent dissent and enforce exclusion – including through deprivation of nationality.

At the same time, technological advancement can create and expand opportunities for individuals and communities experiencing statelessness and the denial of equal nationality rights to organise in resistance to state and corporate violence, to strengthen accountability for human rights violations and to construct pathways for belonging and participation that challenge state-centrism and exploitative economic systems. This is an opportune moment to uncover, share and reflect on these emerging practices as well.

This Special Issue seeks to explore how emerging technologies are impacting the global statelessness landscape and/or influencing the strategies adopted by scholars, practitioners and activists who engage with citizenship and statelessness issues.

Key words:

- Citizenship and statelessness
- Digital ID and biometric registration
- Digital Public Infrastructure
- Digital surveillance and digital security
- Data protection, privacy, and digital rights
- Data, technology and human rights monitoring

We are particularly interested in:

- ✓ Collaborative pieces that bring together the expertise of technologists and those embedded in the field of statelessness and citizenship rights;
- ✓ Practice-based pieces that share learnings from innovations in the use of technology to resist statelessness and protect the right to nationality;

Timeline:

- 15 October 2025: **Deadline for expressions of interest** (incl. in work-in-progress colloquium)
- Late January / early February 2026: Optional **work-in-progress colloquium** (online, date tbc)
- 1 April 2026: **Deadline for full submissions**
- May – August 2026: Peer review and revisions
- September – November 2026: Copy editing & production
- December 2026: **Publication** of the Special Issue
- December 2026 / January 2027: **Launch symposium** (online, date and time tbc)

How to submit your expression of interest:

To express interest in contributing to this SCR Special Issue, please write to info@screview.net, with "**Special issue – emerging technologies**" in the subject-line. Your email should include:

- Basic biographic information (name, contact details, role / institution / affiliation)
- A short outline of your proposal (max. 400 words), including which section you would like to submit to: Article, Case Note, Critique & Comment piece, or Book review
- A short bio or outline of your relevant experience or expertise (max. 200 words)
- An indication of whether you would be interested to participating in our Work-in-Progress Colloquium (late January / early February 2025)

The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest is Wednesday 15 October 2025. If you have any questions about the Special issue, these can also be directed to info@screview.net (using the same subject line as above) and they will be forwarded to the team that is working to develop this issue.

For more information about the Statelessness and Citizenship Review, please visit the website: https://statelessnessandcitizenshipreview.com/