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THE RIGHT TO HAVE RIGHTS: MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND THE DUTIES OF STATES

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ABSTRACT  | The refugee crisis is a political challenge, but also an intellectual opportunity: to re-think what citizens owe strangers.

According to Hannah Arendt, our 'right to have rights' comes from two sources: our citizenship in a given state and our shared identity as human beings. Refugees have lost their citizenship rights; migrants have given them up. What rights can they then claim, as human beings, when they arrive at our frontiers?

BIO  | Born in Canada, educated at the University of Toronto and Harvard, Michael Ignatieff is a university professor, writer and former politician. He holds a doctorate in history from Harvard University and has held academic posts at the University of British Columbia, Cambridge University, the University of Toronto, the London School of Economics and Harvard University, where he was Director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy between 2000 and 2005. His major publications are “The Needs of Strangers” (1984), “Scar Tissue” (1992), “Isaiah Berlin” (1998), “The Rights Revolution” (2000), “Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry” (2001), “The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror” (2004), and “Fire and Ashes: Success and Failure in Politics” (2013). Between 2006 and 2011 he served as an MP in the Parliament of Canada and then as Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and Leader of the Official Opposition. He is a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and holds eleven honorary degrees.

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