



# The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS)

## Panoramas Roundtable

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### The Situation of Stateless Persons in the Dominican Republic/ La situación de las personas apátridas en la Republica Dominicana

#### by Mr. Ricardo Campusano

Lawyer and Human Rights Activist from the Dominican Republic



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**Date:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015

**Time:** 12 P.M. (Noon)

**Location:** 4130 Posvar Hall

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Mr. Campusano will explain how thousands of persons, mostly of Haitian descent, were made stateless (left without official citizenship in any country) when a 2004 immigration law and the 2010 Dominican constitution did away with birthright citizenship and a 2013 constitutional court ruling made that standard retroactive.

Mr. Campusano will describe the legal, social, and economic hardships that these stateless persons face, including the difficulties in obtaining birth and identification documents, and the threat of deportation.

Mr. Campusano will also discuss how international and local human rights organizations have responded to the the Dominican government's policies.

The Power Point-based lecture will be given in Spanish with English translation. The event is free and open to the public.

Any questions please contact Luis Bravo ([bravo@pitt.edu](mailto:bravo@pitt.edu) or 412-648-7393)

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