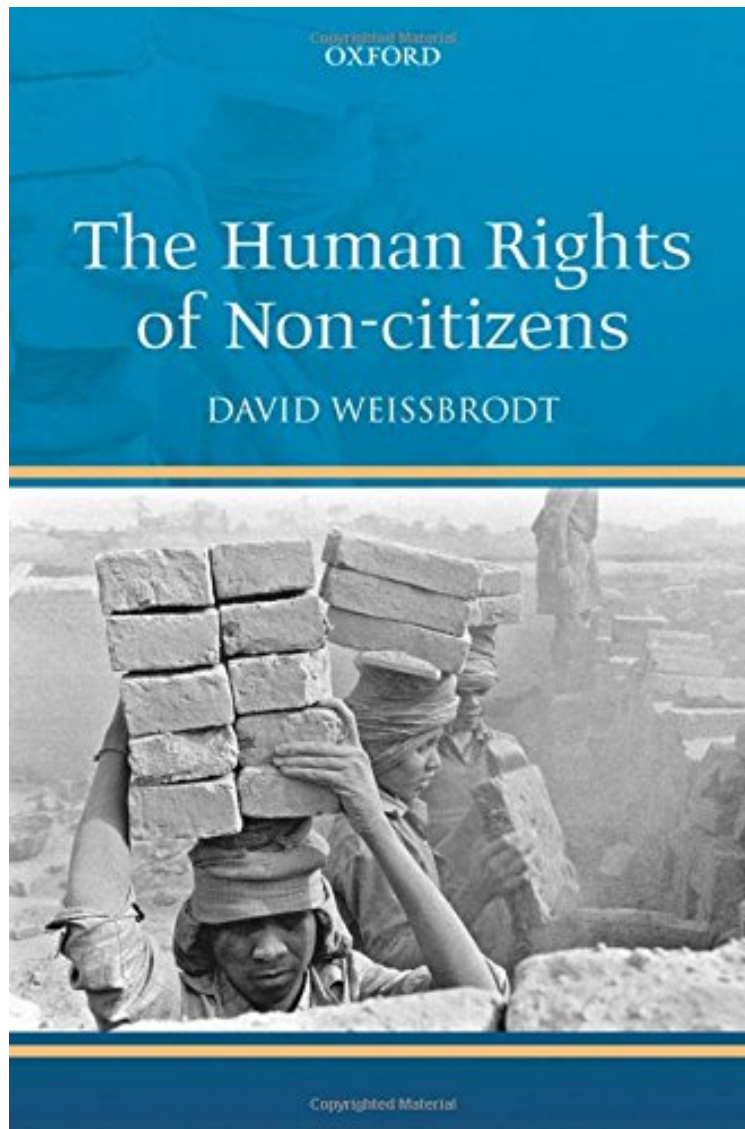


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Non-citizens include asylum seekers, rejected asylum seekers, immigrants, non-immigrants, migrant workers, refugees, stateless persons, and trafficked persons. This book argues that regardless of their citizenship status, non-

citizens should, by virtue of their essential humanity, enjoy all human rights unless exceptional distinctions serve a legitimate State objective and are proportional to the achievement of that objective. Non-citizens should have freedom from arbitrary arrest, arbitrary killing, child labor, forced labor, inhuman treatment, invasions of privacy, refoulement, slavery, unfair trial, and violations of humanitarian law. Additionally, non-citizens should have the right to consular protection; equality; freedom of religion and belief; labor rights (for example, as to collective bargaining, workers' compensation, healthy and safe working conditions, etc.); the right to marry; peaceful association and assembly; protection as minors; social, cultural, and economic rights. There is a large gap, however, between the rights that international human rights law guarantee to non-citizens and the realities they face. In many countries, non-citizens are confronted with institutional and endemic discrimination and suffering. The situation has worsened since September 11, 2001, as several governments have detained or otherwise violated the rights of non-citizens in response to fears of terrorism. This book attempts to understand and respond to the challenges of international human rights law guarantees for non-citizens human rights.

The book is useful for its survey of the international regimes applicable to specific issues affecting non-citizens * Ivan Shearer, University of South Australia, *International Journal of Refugee Law* 22.1 *About the Author David Weissbrodt is the Regents Professor and Fredrikson Byron Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School. He is a world-renowned scholar and teacher of international human rights law. He is the author of 200 articles, books, and monographs. In 2001 Weissbrodt served as the first United States citizen since Eleanor Roosevelt to head a United Nations human rights body when he was elected as chairperson for the U.N. Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. For 2000-2003 the Sub-Commission also designated Weissbrodt the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the rights of non-citizens.