

Mr. Eric Paulsen Visits LERC

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Mr. Eric Paulsen, accompanied by Ms. Anna Polard visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center twice to seek data for his study on statelessness and citizenship. Mr. Paulsen met with Ms. Guita Hourani and Mrs. Lilianne Haddad, and discussed the topic of stateless persons in Lebanon such as the Bedouins. He also shared articles with the center.

Mr. Paulsen is an independent lawyer, activist and researcher. He completed his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) at the University of London in 1995 and his Master of Laws (LLM) in Human Rights Law at University College London on scholarship. He practiced at Messrs Karpal Singh & Company, a leading criminal and public interest law firm in Malaysia. He also worked as Coordinator for Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM), a civil and political rights advocacy organization, mainly as the researcher for its annual human rights status report. He co-founded Lawyers for Liberty, a human rights lawyers' organization in 2010. Over the last eight years, he has divided his time consulting in Malaysia for various organizations including Human Rights Watch, UNHCR and Forum-Asia, and volunteering for numerous initiatives and organizations, and working with UNHCR on statelessness in Bangladesh, Nepal, South Africa, Burma and Lebanon.