

## Call for Paper –*Refugee Watch* Special Issue on Syrian Refugee Crises (December, 2016)

Syria's civil war is one of the worst humanitarian crisis of our times. Since 2011, half the country's pre-war population of 23 million people have been displaced and forced to flee their homes. At present, horrific human rights violations and mass-scale destruction of cities continue to be widespread. According to the United Nations figures, more than 6.5 million people who have been internally displaced and another 6 million have become asylum seekers and refugees. It is estimated that well over 250,000 people have already died in the conflict, with hundreds of thousands more wounded. Almost 4.6 million Syrians have sought refuge in the neighbouring countries of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey. Thousands more continue to make the harrowing journey to Europe in search of a better life. In response to this ongoing state of crisis, *Refugee Watch* will host a special issue on the plight of the Syrian people, including those living as stateless people in neighboring countries across the Middle East. As millions of Syrians continue to be displaced due to the conflict in their home country, it is essential that a critical account of the global perception and reaction to the *en masse* refugee crisis is created by engaged scholarship. We are seeking scholarly articles on various aspects of the Syrian refugee crisis which contextualize it in historical and global terms. Local and international human rights researchers, advocates, and organizations pertaining to the handling of Syrian crisis, local and international jurisprudence on the subject pertaining to the tinkering with the refugee law to keep Syrians out or to make them into cheap labor/second class citizens, deaths and disappearances in the Mediterranean and their banal perception, and, local, regional and international advocacy efforts and sources for support are among the subject headings we are interested in. The issue will provide a timely analytical intervention on the changed nature of the global refugee and immigration regime in response to the Syrian crisis, which represents one of the largest movements of population in recent times. Submissions are expected to be 7000 words in length or less, and follow the standard style of the journal. Final article should reach *Refugee Watch* by the end of August 2016. Please email your articles to [anitasengupta@hotmail.com](mailto:anitasengupta@hotmail.com), [paula@mcrq.ac.in](mailto:paula@mcrq.ac.in) and [nergiscanefe@gmail.com](mailto:nergiscanefe@gmail.com)