

## FAMOUS BUT STATELESS

Expatriations, relinquished citizenship and stateless from birth, current boundaries

Germans in literature, politics and science, deprived of citizenship by Nazi regime, from 1933: **Hannah Arendt** (1906–1975), **Johannes R. Becher** (1891–1958), **Max Born** (1882–1970), **Willy Brandt** (1913–1992), **Bertolt Brecht** (1898–1956), **Albert Einstein** (1879–1955), **Lion Feuchtwanger** (1884–1958), **Else Lasker-Schüler** (1869–1945), **Erika Mann** (1905–1969), **Heinrich Mann** (1871–1950), **Thomas Mann** (1875–1955), **Willi Münzenberg** (1889–1940), **Wilhelm Pieck** (1876–1960), **Ludwig Quidde** (1858–1941), **Erwin Piscator** (1893–1966), **Erich Maria Remarque** (1898–1970), **Philipp Scheidemann** (1865–1939), **Ernst Toller** (1893–1939), **Kurt Tucholsky** (1890–1935), **Gustav von Wangenheim** (1895–1975)

**Karl Marx** (1818–1883), philosopher. Gave up Prussian citizenship in Paris in 1845 because of risk of deportation.

**Charles Aznavour** (1924–2018), singer with stateless Armenian parents, born in Paris. His mother fled the genocide in 1915.

**Friedrich Nietzsche** (1844–1900), philosopher. Renounced Prussian citizenship in 1869 in Basel to avoid possible military service clashing with his university position.

**Chris Roberts** (1944–2017), pop singer. Son of a German mother and a Yugoslav father who were not permitted to marry in Nazi Germany, so stateless. Received German citizenship only a few months before his death.

**Rudolf Nureyev** (1938–1993), dancer. During a tour in Paris in 1961, applied for asylum after receiving the order to return immediately to the Soviet Union.

**Pavel Kohout** (b. 1928), **Milan Kundera** (b. 1929), **Jiří Gruša** (1938–2011), Czech authors and human-rights activists. Stripped of citizenship 1978–1980.

**Giovanni Segantini** (1858–1899), painter. Austria revoked the citizenship of the 7-year-old and his half-sister in 1865 in Innsbruck. A planned application for Italian citizenship did not materialize. He remained stateless for the rest of his life.

**Mikis Theodorakis** (b. 1925), **Melina Mercouri** (1920–1994), **Nana Mouskouri** (b. 1934), musicians. Their Greek citizenship was revoked by the military regime (1967–1974).

**Aristotle Onassis** (1906–1975), shipping magnate. In 1922 emigrated to Argentina from Smyrna/Izmir with a Nansen passport during the Greek-Turkish war.

**Ivan Bunin** (1870–1953), **Joseph Brodsky** (1940–1996), **Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn** (1918–2008), authors and Nobel prize-winners. Stripped of Soviet citizenship 1922, 1972 and 1976 for “treason” etc.

**Zygmunt Bauman** (1925–2017), **Włodzimierz Brus** (1921–2007), **Maria Hirsztowicz** (1925–2007), Polish scientists. Forced to emigrate during the 1968–1971 antisemitic campaign.

**Gregor von Rezzori** (1914–1998), author. Stateless after 1940, when Romanian Northern Bukovina and his home town of Chernivtsi were annexed by the Soviet Union.

**Enes Kanter** (b. 1992), US basketball player from Zurich. Turkish passport revoked in 2017 as a follower of the Islamic preacher Gülen.

**Nâzım Hikmet** (1902–1963), Poet. Stripped of Turkish citizenship in 1951 after a long imprisonment and amnesty, because he had fled to Moscow from Istanbul to avoid military service.

Does not include East Germans stripped of their citizenship as they also automatically held West German nationality.