

MIGRATION AND THE MONARCHY: A STUDY OF LONG TERM INDIAN EXPATRIATES IN DUBAI

- ▶ The revival of migration routes between the Gulf and Indian subcontinent.
 - ▶ Role of the *Kafala System*
- ▶ Dubai is composed of 90 percent of non-nationals with the largest population hailing from India.
 - ▶ The Arab population (1 million) feels increasingly alienated as ‘strangers in their own land.’
- ▶ **Conclusion:** By protecting the native Emirates from the overwhelming migrant population, the role of the state is further bolstered as “the ultimate arbitrator in the affairs of the population.”

OUTLINE OF THE PAPER

- ▶ **Research Question:** *How has the presence of the long-term Indian expatriate population reinforced the role of the monarchy in Dubai?*
- ▶ **Methodology:**
 - ▶ Historical overview of South Asian Migration to the Gulf
 - ▶ Literature review of the role of long-term South Asian expatriates, human rights concerns in the Gulf, authoritarian regimes & immigration, and conducted interviews with present and past temporary residents of Dubai.
- ▶ **Selected sources:** *Abdulhadi Khalif, Neha Vora, Ahmed Kanna, Syed Ali, Andrzej Kapiszewski, and Jim Krane*

The full paper can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/mesapaper>

