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THE VIABILITY OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO THE EFFECT OF THE FOREIGN WORK FORCE
ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE

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ABSTRACT

The United Arab Emirates is experiencing an influx of troops of immigrants from all over the world, attracted by the golden socio-economic period that the UAE is enjoying because of oil revenues. Those immigrants who are participating in the advancement of the UAE have changed the demographic characteristics of the country and created a society wherein the majority is composed of cosmopolitan immigrant communities, and the minority is composed of the nationals of the UAE.

The purpose of this study is to shed a ray of light on the immigrant society and their effect on the functioning of the United Arab Emirates. Finding the attitudes of immigrants toward each other and toward nationals and the UAE government, and the attitudes of nationals toward the immigrants, is the approach used to determine the stability of the immigrant society and the political effect of the immigrants on the functioning of the UAE.

Contrary to what might be expected, it is the conclusion of this study that the large immigrant population constitutes a fragile contripetal force, contributing to the socio-economic and political functioning of the state, mainly by their employment in both public and private sectors.