

# Migration and Immigrant Entrepreneurship among Pakistanis: An Assessment of the State of Affairs

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## Abstract

Migratory movements that departed from Pakistan in the post-independence era were increasing at a fast pace. However, although major Pakistani communities who have shown high tendency towards entrepreneurship are found in overseas, little or no research has so far assessed outward migration conditions of Pakistanis and how this would lead to and boost their entrepreneurial engagement. This study is part of a larger empirical study that links outward migration to entrepreneurship of Pakistani immigrants who migrated as workers than established their own businesses in Malaysia. In this paper, we review and discuss the conditions of outward migration and the state of affairs of immigrant entrepreneurship in order to provide insights on both concepts which could be useful for immigrants and policy makers. It could be noted that: 1) major movements have been flowing to the UK first then to the Golf Council Countries, 2) there has been an increase in skilled workers recently, and 3) Pakistanis have shown self-employment inclination accompanied by astonishing performance especially in the United Kingdom.

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