Some recent events and talks at NYUAD related to the subject of labor (supplied by Prof. Justin Stearns, NYUAD):

November 26 (2013)
Neha Vora, "Impossible Citizens: Dubai’s Indian Diaspora"

November 27 (2013)
Opening of the "Shadows and Skyscrapers" Exhibition on Migrant Labor in Doha, Qatar. Roundtable with exhibition organizers anthropologist Andrew Gardner and documentary photographer Kristin Giordano

February 9 (2104)
Ahmed Kanna (University of the Pacific): "Gulf Urbanism: The Semantic Field of a Category of Space"

February 10 (2104) [Luncheon Lecture]
Ahmed Kanna (University of the Pacific) : "The Imperial Encounter and the Production of Everyday Space in Dubai"

February 18 (2104). NYUAD Community discussion on Labor at NYUAD, introduced by panelists Justin Stearns, Maggie Bavuso, and Alex Wang

April 28 (2104) [Luncheon Lecture]
Jane Bristol Rhys (ZU - Abu Dhabi): Labor in Abu Dhabi (tentative title) [Luncheon Lecture]

Some NYUAD courses that deal, in one way or another, with labor here:

Anthropology and the Arab World
Oil and Energy in the Middle East
Society and Politics of Saudi Arabia
The UAE from pre-History to 2030
State Formation: The Case of the UAE