



**BODIES AND BODIES! OFFERINGS FOR THE HERE AND NOW AND THE  
HEREAFTER**

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This paper is a glimpse of the 1.3 million Filipino workers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It is about the regulation of bodies where women although veiled still cry for protection; where men could be hunters even while hunted.

They come in various phases and faces: skins born with or retouched, laughing and agonizing, feasting and boozing, praying and scheming, waiting for rewards; circumventing rules, captured and freed; yet still staying and returning.

Thus, although bodies are their own to rule, they have to inevitably bear the brunt of institutional restrictions or eventually reap its blessing. Deployed as docile bodies, they are agents of their own emancipation; they rise, mobilize, and fight their external and internal wars in do-it-yourself ways.

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