

# Knowledge as Tolerance Infrastructure: Institutions, Scientific Publishing, and the Governance of Coexistence in the UAE

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## ABSTRACT

While tolerance is commonly pursued through proclamation and symbolic gesture, this study argues that it is most reliably built, measured, and sustained through the systematic production, publication, and application of rigorous research delivered by credible institutions. Locating the mechanism that makes tolerance durable in organized knowledge rather than informal sentiment, it examines how institutional architecture maps onto the developmental stages of the KRAB model and where behavioural impact is gained or lost. The argument is advanced through two United Arab Emirates institutional cases: the National Tolerance Festival, analysed as a cultural and educational governance instrument, and the International Dialogue of Civilizations and Tolerance Conference, examined with particular attention to the role of the Emirates Scholar Centre for Research and Studies in converting conference dialogue into structured knowledge production, namely peer-reviewed publications, indexed research, and policy-relevant findings that extend impact far beyond immediate participants. The study further considers academic publishing as a global tolerance infrastructure, demonstrating through indexed scientific journals how citation networks, knowledge transfer, and international research visibility translate into institutional credibility and a national soft power grounded in scientific achievement rather than promotional narrative. It closes the loop between knowledge and social impact by showing how findings become evidence-based policy, data-driven education, and scalable intercultural programming. Concluding with strategic directions for expanding research capacity and international knowledge partnerships, the study offers the UAE experience as a replicable, scientifically grounded model for the evidence-based governance of coexistence in diverse societies.