

# **Xenophobia in Post-Apartheid South Africa: with Specific Reference to Pretoria in Gauteng Province**

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Since the end of apartheid in 1994, South Africa has made remarkable progress towards establishing a free and democratic society based on respect for human rights of its own citizens. However, foreigners, especially blacks have largely failed to benefit from these developments and remain subject to serious abuse. Most South African citizens as well as the politicians and the media blame black foreigners for exacerbating social problems such as rising crime, unemployment and the spread of diseases such as HIV/AIDS.

This paper seeks to document the experience of foreigners, especially black foreigners in the Gauteng province of South Africa. It seeks to understand the causes of migration in the country. It starts by reviewing brief history of migration in the country (South Africa). It will further make accounts on undocumented and documented migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees.