

Interviewer: Welcome to our daily programme on the Arab World; Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Deep-sea merchant ships then began to anchor offshore, transferring their goods onto dhows to transport them to Dubai and Khan Creek. By the 1870s, Dubai had already been identified as the principal port on the Gulf coast, but in the early 1900s it was declared a free port and then it really took off. Today, Professor Hadi will talk to us about UAE trade history and the development of its transport infrastructure. Professor: The UAE has a long history as an international trading centre.