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**Outline of Optional Course**

**LG 636 International Economic Institutions**

International economic institutions are instrumental in the process of globalization and their role has been the object of various controversies. This course aims to explore the nature and content of international economic institutions such as the WTO, World Bank, IMF, United Nations and its various branches, and the impact that these institutions have on law and governance – both domestically and internationally. The course will cover some of the key debates surrounding these institutions, in particular emphasising an economic analysis of the debates.

- I. History and Description of Key International Economic Institutions
  - Evolution of international economic institutions
  - Role of various international economic institutions
  - International economic institutions, world trade and the international monetary systems.
- II. Impact on National and International Law and Governance  
Some of the areas in which implications of international economic institutions on law and governance will be discussed are:
  - Intellectual Property Rights
  - Dumping
  - International Standards – Environment and Labour
  - Competition Policy
  - International Torts
- III. Political Economy of International Institutions
  - Globalization and role of WTO, IMF, and the World Bank
  - International economic institutions and the developing countries
  - International economic institutions and trans-national corporations
  - Emerging governance needs