



**Indian Institute of Management Indore**

**INTEGRATED PROGRAMME IN MANAGEMENT (IPM)  
TERM: IX**

**TITLE OF THE COURSE:** International Organizations and Contemporary Challenges of Global Governance

**CREDITS: 2**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is meant to understand why various international institutions at the global and regional levels were created and how they are operating in the present day. There has been a great profusion of scholarly work within the discipline of IR on the mechanisms adopted by states to cope with common challenges through various global organizations such as the United Nations (UN) and World Trade Organization (WTO) and regional ones like the European Union (EU) and the Association of South East Nations (ASEAN). The core issue in studying international organizations (IOs) is the extent to which they curtail the autonomy of its member states to take independent policy decisions through commonly agreed rules and procedures. The current debate over Brexit and the crisis within the European Union exemplifies this discord among the members of a major international organization regarding its scope and functions. Despite such recurring challenges, states have chosen to form and join various international institutions over the past couple of centuries indicating their continued utility as forums for collective decision making and resolution of intractable interstate disputes.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- 1) Understand the meaning of the phrase “global governance”
- 2) Explore the role and relevance of various international institutions in global governance by reviewing their historical record
- 3) Analyzing how some of current international problems have been deliberated within various organs of the UN, WTO, EU and ASEAN.