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# International Webinar on Labour Standards under the Aegis of WTO

Theme: A Tapestry of Consensus, Coherence, and Controversies Interwoven between



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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Date: July 20th, 2024.  
Time: 2 PM to 6 PM  
Mode: Virtual  
Registration Fees: None (This event is free of charge)  
The deadline of final submission of the paper is July 18, 2024.  
Registration link: <https://forms.gle/fA2vjKSSiwZ4WB569>



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# **International Webinar**

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## **Labour Standards under the Aegis of WTO**

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### **PREFATORY NOTE**

In an era of unprecedented interconnectedness, where the boundaries of trade extend far beyond geographical demarcations, the question of labor standards resonates as a pivotal axis around which the global economy revolves. The International Webinar on Labour Standards under the Aegis of WTO serves as a beacon, illuminating the multifaceted discourse surrounding this crucial issue. As we convene amidst the backdrop of divergent perspectives and entrenched ideologies, it becomes abundantly clear that the confluence of trade and labor standards is not merely an academic exercise but a pressing imperative demanding nuanced deliberation. The Prefatory Note encapsulates the crux of our deliberations, elucidating the divergent stances, ranging from the imperative of integrating labor standards within the purview of WTO mandates to the apprehensions surrounding the potential repercussions of such integration. At the heart of our discourse lies the recognition of labor standards as not just a matter of policy but a fundamental ethos shaping the contours of global commerce. The delineation of core labor norms, underpinned by principles enshrined in international declarations and conventions, serves as a lodestar guiding our collective journey towards equitable economic progress. Yet, amidst this semblance of consensus lie the fissures of contention, encapsulated in the four cardinal questions that animate our deliberations:

- i. What are the potential effects of different labor standards on international trade dynamics? Is there a risk of nations with lax labor laws gaining unfair economic advantages, sparking a "race to the bottom"?

- ii. How should countries respond if there is a perceived "race to the bottom"? Should they limit trade to countries with similar labor standards?
- iii. Is it feasible to incorporate labor-related clauses into WTO laws explicitly? Should governments have the authority to utilize trade sanctions to encourage adherence to labor laws?
- iv. Should trade measures be employed to enforce labor standards, or are they merely a pretext for protectionism? Similar concerns are raised regarding technical trade barriers and standards like sanitary and phytosanitary procedures. With minimal explicit rules pertaining to labor standards in WTO agreements, member countries fiercely debate this absence.

As we navigate these labyrinthine corridors of discourse, it becomes evident that the quest for consensus is fraught with complexity. Yet, it is within this crucible of contention that the seeds of progress are sown. By fostering dialogue that transcends ideological schisms and embraces the kaleidoscope of perspectives, we inch closer towards a paradigm wherein trade and labor standards converge harmoniously, propelling us towards a future where prosperity is not merely a privilege but a birthright bestowed upon all denizens of the global village.

#### **GENERAL DETAILS**

**Title:** International Webinar on Labour Standards under the Aegis of WTO

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**Certificates:** Digital certificates with QR code verification will be awarded based on active participation and letter of appreciation will be awarded to the Outstanding Presentation.

#### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Submitted abstracts must not exceed 150 words, must include a title, and be accompanied by five keywords and final manuscript must be between 5000-8000 words.

## FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- Submissions must conform to the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA), 4th Edition.
- The font shall be in Times New Roman, size 12 with a line spacing of 1.5.
- Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10 with single line spacing.

### *How to Submit*

- *To submit a proposal, please click on*

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- The submission must be accompanied by a cover letter stating the title of the manuscript, the name, and details of the author/authors, and the author's contact details.
- Co-authorship of a maximum of two persons is allowed.
- The proper acknowledgment must be given for such use of literature in the article submitted.
- The submission will be run through anti-plagiarism software and plagiarism in any form will result in rejection of the submission.

## ELIGIBILITY

Academicians, practitioners, researchers, and students in the field of law are invited by the Editorial Board to submit their research articles.

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At the heart of its offerings lies the prestigious two-year LL.M. program, comprising four semesters of rigorous academic pursuit. This program boasts a diverse array of optional

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The department's commitment to academic excellence is further evidenced by the publication of select student dissertations, showcasing the intellectual rigor and innovation fostered within its walls. Widely recognized for its intensive and high-quality teaching, the Department of Studies in Law attracts students not only from various states across India but also from countries as diverse as Afghanistan, Kenya, Tanzania, and Tibet. Its state-of-the-art facilities, including a well-stocked library, advanced computing resources, and other amenities, ensure an enriching and conducive learning environment for all who pass through its doors.

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