Women, Business and the Law 2021 is the seventh in a series of annual studies measuring the laws and regulations that affect women’s economic opportunity in 190 economies. Amidst a global pandemic that threatens progress toward gender equality, the report identifies barriers to women’s economic participation and encourages reform of discriminatory laws. This year, the study also includes important findings on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis and pilot research related to childcare and women’s access to justice.

Join Professor Nicola’s class in welcoming Marie Dry and Olena Mykhalchenko from the World Bank’s Women, Business & Law team to discuss key findings from their 2020-2021 report.
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