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What is "Trustworthy AI" and Why Does It Matter?

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The enthusiasm for AI tends to obscure the many senses of the term and its widening implications for bioethics and research. In this talk Dr. Moreno will review the limits and potential of AI and indicate why the current global environment presents obstacles for AI's that re worthy of trust.

Dr. Moreno is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, a fellow of the Hastings Center, and a member of the Committee on Human Rights of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine. He has served as a staff member or advisor to three U.S. presidential commissions, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee. He is a member of the Bayer Bioethics Council and a senior advisor for the Center for Health, Ethics and Society at the University of Hamburg, Germany.

In 2018 the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities presented him with its Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a recipient of the Benjamin Rush Medal from William and Mary Law School and the Dr. Jean Mayer Award for Global Citizenship from Tufts University. His work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Greenwall Foundation, the Wellcome Trust, and the U.S. Department of Defense.

His forthcoming book, Understanding Bioethics, will be published by Edward Elgar Publishing in 2027. Among his previous books are *Absolutely Essential: Bioethics and the Rules-Based International Order*; *Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven but Nobody Wants to Die*, co-authored with Amy Gutmann; *Undue Risk: Secret State Experiments on Humans*; and *The Body Politic: The Battle Over Science in America*, named a Best Book of 2011 by Kirkus Reviews. His book *Mind Wars* formed part of the basis of *The Bourne Legacy*.

Moreno has published more than a thousand papers, articles, and op-eds in venues including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Science*, *Nature*, and *Foreign Affairs*. He was co-host of *Making the Call*, an Endeavor Content podcast, and served on President Barack Obama's transition team in 2008-09.