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Public Lecture: Making AI Safe, Effective, and Trustworthy

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The data revolution has been replaced by the AI revolution. It seems that every day, we hear about a new area of human endeavor that has been conquered by AI. There are AI lawyers, AI doctors, AI artists, poets, and mathematicians. AI will predict what jobs we get, what medicines we should be treated with, and even how we should be educated.

If that's true, then AI policy should consist of getting the government out of the way and letting innovation bloom. Indeed, that is what some advocate. But in fact, sound AI policy rests on the same principles that sound science rests on: openness, transparency, and evidence. In order to ensure that all of us can benefit from innovations in AI, the best ideas in AI policy emphasize openness in research, transparency and accountability in the claims made by those seeking to deploy it, and above all a requirement that claims – bold claims at that – of efficacy are backed up by evidence that can be independently evaluated.

In this talk, I'll talk about how AI policy is trying to harness the AI revolution so that all of us, including those who have been traditionally left behind by tech innovation, can lead lives enriched rather than controlled by technology.

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