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Hello, I'm Dan Frey. And I'm the faculty research director at MIT's D lab. I'm also principal investigator for the Comprehensive Initiative on Technology Evaluation, which we refer to by the acronym CITE.

The CITE program was established in order to assess and evaluate technologies and products so that we can better understand which ones perform the best and also which ones provide the best value given the context. And better information about process and technologies also helps us to best implement those technologies in an international development setting.

Now, this topic is especially important in machine learning. We understand that these exciting new technologies can sometimes cause or else propagate certain inequities or biases. And there are a number of techniques that are now emerging from research community that can help us to mitigate those problems by adjusting the algorithms or else modifying data sets in order to provide better, more equitable, and more fair outcomes.

Now, we hope that you'll engage with us very deeply in this course and that we'll be able to provide knowledge that can help you to better implement these techniques in your own professional endeavors. Thanks for joining us in this course.

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