



## Carlos Centeno Lairet

Affiliate, Ethics In Society

---

### Bio

#### BIO

Carlos is a 2026 Ethics & Tech Practitioner Fellow at the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society. He co-founded SOMOS Civic Lab. At the lab, the team is researching and designing tools to democratize generative AI in Global Majority countries. Somos is part of the UNDP AI Trust & Safety Programme, and it's supported by the Pulitzer Center's AI Accountability program. As MIT Emerging Talent Director, he equips learners from migrant and refugee communities with computer science skills. He co-founded and directed MIT's Governance Innovation Initiative, as Associate Director of Innovation; co-designed and launched MIT's first Governance Innovation Research Fellowship, and hosted MIT's "Power to the Who" governance innovation podcast. He was previously at the UN for 10 years, where he worked in community and government preparedness to natural disasters based in Latin America, Asia and Africa. His AI (NLP) prototype ALIA was a Google launchpad finalist in Munich (2018). He has supported investigative journalism projects at Pro Publica on disappearances and detentions by the US federal government.