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# José Esquinas: “Without alimentary security there will be no peace”

“Without alimentary security there is no peace and there will never be”, has said today in Barcelona José Esquinas, director of the Chair on Hunger and Poverty of Córdoba’s University, during his intervention at the Second International Conference on Ethics and Human Values in Engineering that is being held in the Catalan capital these days. According to Esquinas, **“in rich societies there is a big hypocrisy about alimentary matters and, in fact, there does not exist a political will of finishing with hunger”**.

According to this agronomist, that has indicated that every day die 35.000 people because of hunger, **“engineers must know how to put technology at the service of the resolution of hunger in the world”** and they must take care of not using biotechnologies **“only to increase production, but also not to destroy agricultural diversity replacing it by more stable and profitable productions”**.

During the day, it has also participated José María Galván, who has talked about ***The challenge of technoethics in front of the crisis of postmodernity***. Galván has added that **“ethics and science must dialogue, ethics must secure the perfection of the technique”**. According to this professor at Università della Santa Croce in Rome, **“science and technology can be used for the progress of humanity or for its degradation”**. In this sense he has advised that technologists have an important moral responsibility: **“they must work to achieve good of humanity, to increase the quality of life of people”**.

Galván has added that the future of mankind must not be based only in technological progress: **“postmodern man is convinced that depends on technology but it is only partly true. *Tecnologicus* man must take into account that the object of technology is to promote interpersonal relationships and that experimental science is humanized with technology”**. According to Galván **“technoethics is an intrinsic value of humanity, not an added value. It is not a new profession, it is an interdisciplinary field for dialogue”**.

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