# Opening Session

#### Time: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - 9:00 to 10:00

#### Chair: Sebastian Hellmann, InfAI/DBpedia Association

## **Talks**

### Opening by the Organizers of the Semantics

| Saha Vahdati |  |
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| Annalisa Gentile |  |

### Databus 2.1

| Sebastian HellmannInfAI/DBpedia Association | Sebastian Hellmann has completed his [PhD thesis](http://tinyurl.com/sh-thesis) under the guidance of [Jens Lehmann](https://aksw.org/JensLehmann) and [Sören Auer](https://aksw.org/SoerenAuer) at the University of Leipzig in 2014 on the transformation of [NLP tool output to RDF](http://nlp2rdf.org). Sebastian is a senior member of the “Agile Knowledge Engineering and Semantic Web” [AKSW](http://aksw.org) research center, which currently has 50 researchers (PhDs and senior researchers) focusing on semantic technology research – often in combination with other areas such as machine learning, databases, and natural language processing. Sebastian is head of the “Knowledge Integration and Language Technologies (KILT)” Competence Center at InfAI. He also is the executive director and board member of the non-profit [DBpedia Association](http://dbpedia.org/association). |
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### Towards Foundation Models for Data Spaces

| Edward CurryProfessor Data Science, University of Galway | Edward Curry is the Established Professor of Data Science and Director of the Insight SFI Research Centre for Data Analytics at the University of Galway. Edward has made substantial contributions to semantic technologies, incremental data management, event processing middleware, software engineering, as well as distributed systems and information systems. |
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