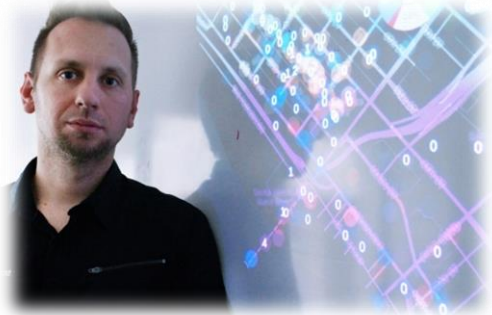


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with Semantic Signatures*

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The availability of data at a higher spatial, temporal, and thematic resolution is changing science and society. Contrary to popular belief, this change is fueled by the synthesis of heterogeneous data and not by volume alone. Interestingly, the resulting data universe as a dynamic system of technology and society is barely understood. This year's Plous Lecture will illustrate how to explore this universe through data observatories and how semantic signatures enable us to study human behavior.

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