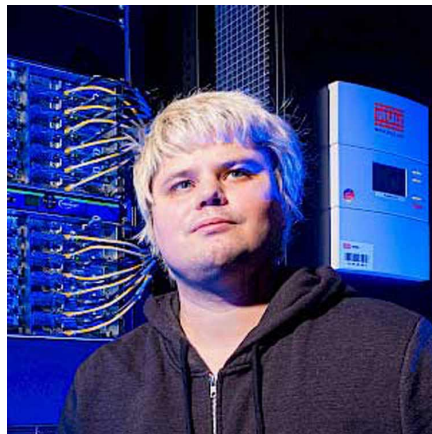


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09:00 Welcome

09:10 LLMs in Retrieval – Mapping Potential and Pitfalls
Vaibhav Adlakha (McGill University/Mila - Quebec AI Institute)

09:50 Question Answering over Structured Data and Unstructured Text
Philipp Christmann (Max Planck Institute for Informatics)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 TEARS: Textual Representations for Scrutable Recommendations
Laurent Charlin (HEC Montreal)

11:45 Subjective Debate as Conversational Search: Simulating Sales Negotiations Grounded in Preferences
Vahid Sadiri Javadi (University of Bonn)

12:30 **Lunch Break (not provided by IJCAI)**



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14:00	Evaluation challenges in the LLM era <i>Patricia Schmidtova (Charles University)</i>
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14:45	Enhancing model transparency: Effects of DK Integration for conversational XAI <i>Isabel Feustel (Ulm University)</i>
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15:30	Coffee break
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16:00	Discussion groups
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17:30	Closing
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