

# Knowledge Graphs

Lecture 5 – Ontological Engineering for Smarter Knowledge Graphs

**5.4 Ontological Engineering**

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### 5.1 Beyond the Limits of OWL

Excursion 7: The Semantic Web Rule Language SWRL

### 5.2 How to design your own Ontology

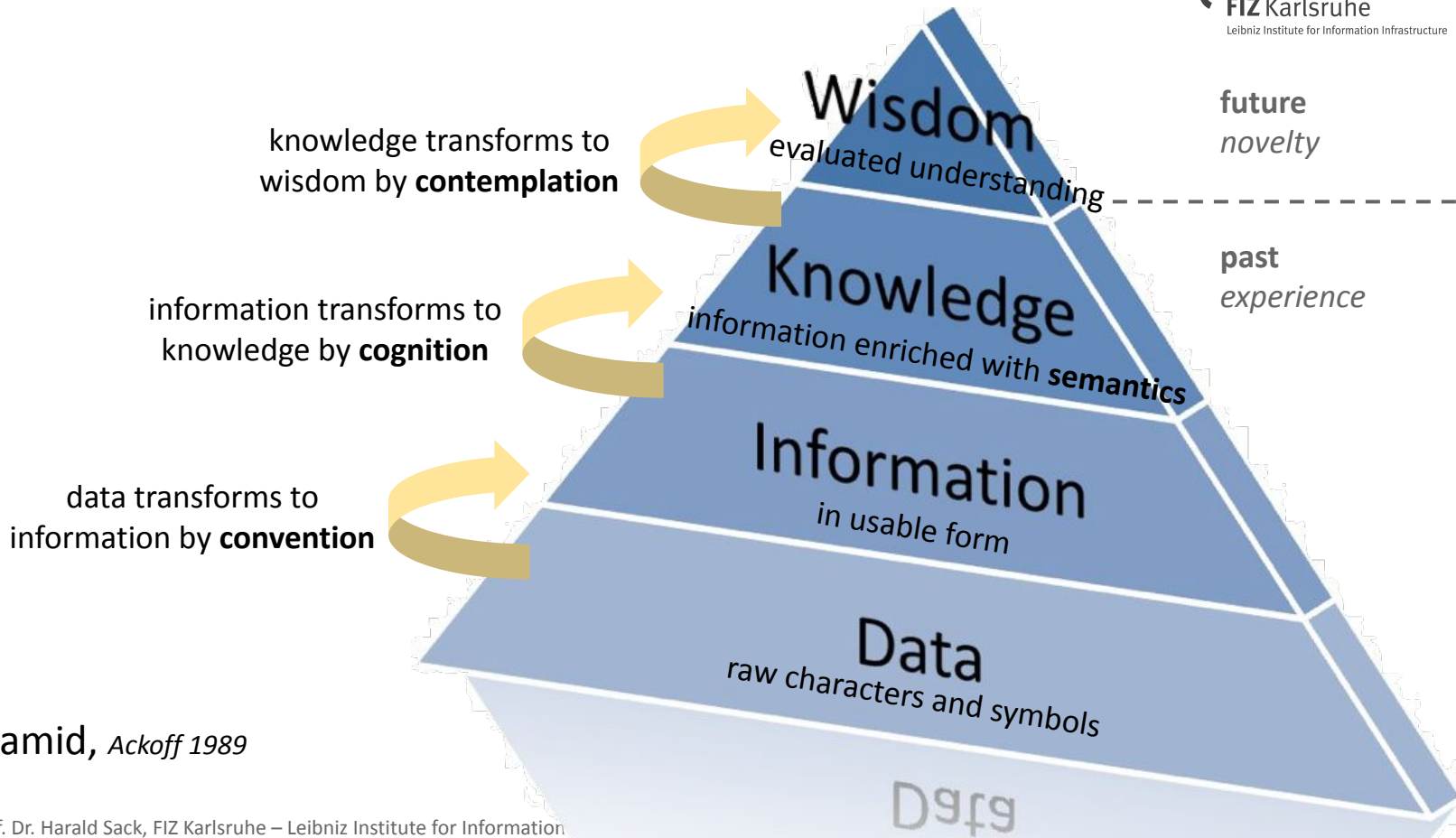
### 5.3 How to design better Ontologies

### **5.4 Ontological Engineering**

### 5.5 Knowledge Graph Construction

### 5.6 Ontologies & Knowledge Graphs – Best Practices

# Knowledge Management



DIKW Pyramid, Ackoff 1989

# Ontology in Computer Science

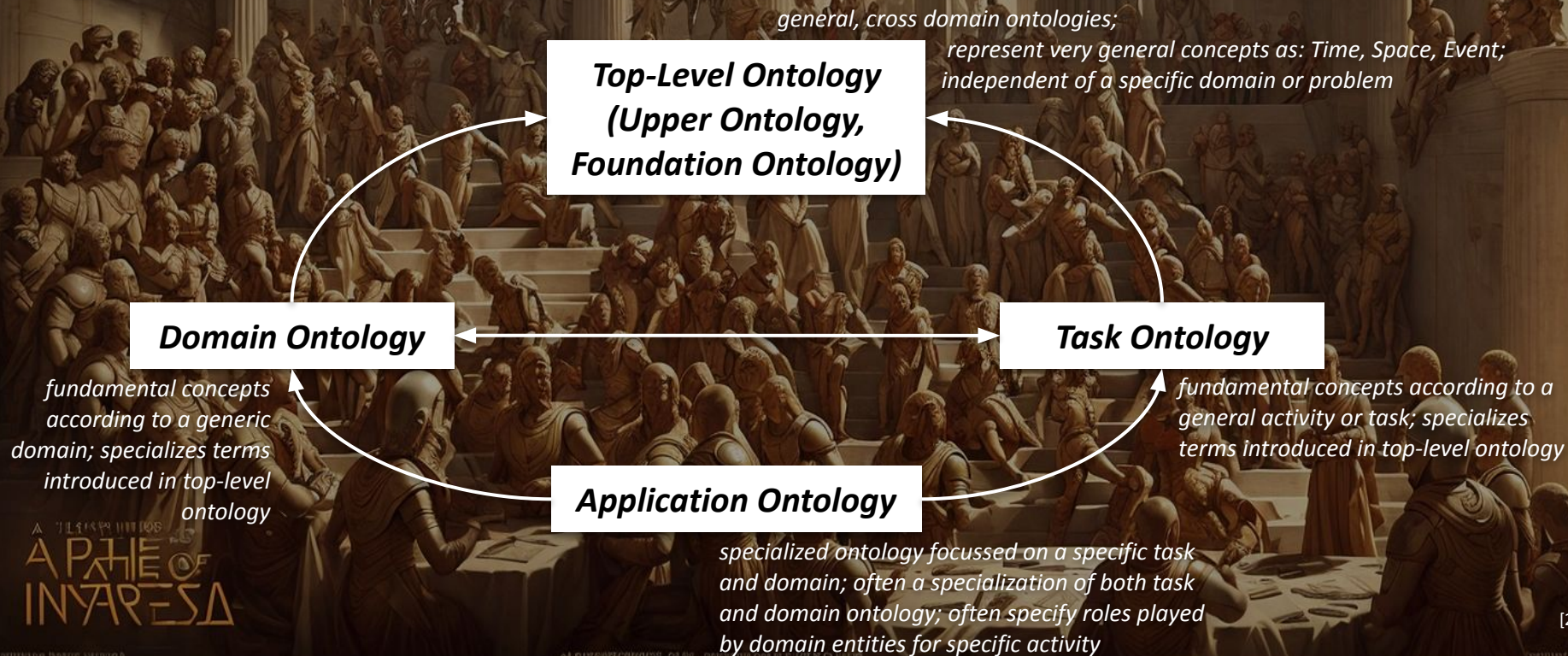
An ontology is an  
explicit, formal specification of a shared conceptualization.

*according to Thomas R. Gruber: A Translation Approach to Portable Ontology Specifications.  
Knowledge Acquisition, 5(2):199–220, 1993.*

Computer Science Definition  
DIKW Pyramid

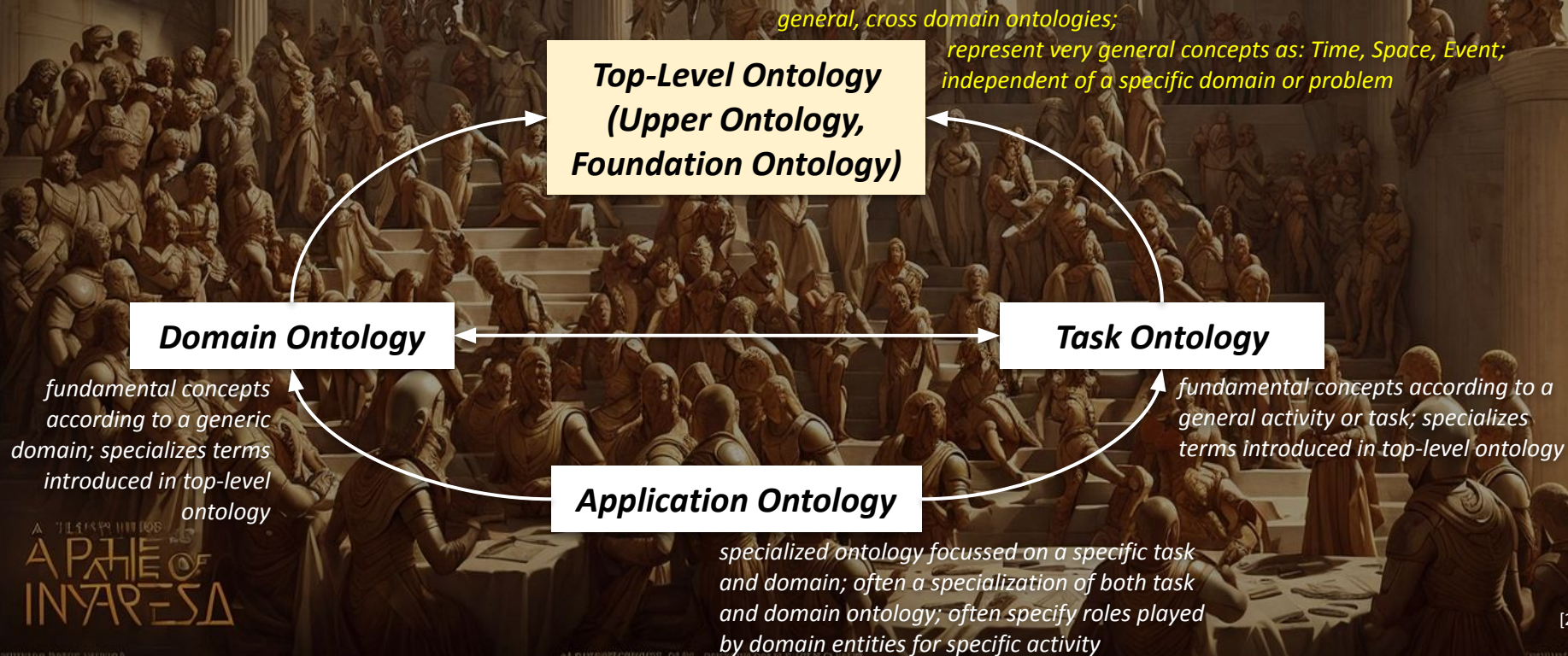
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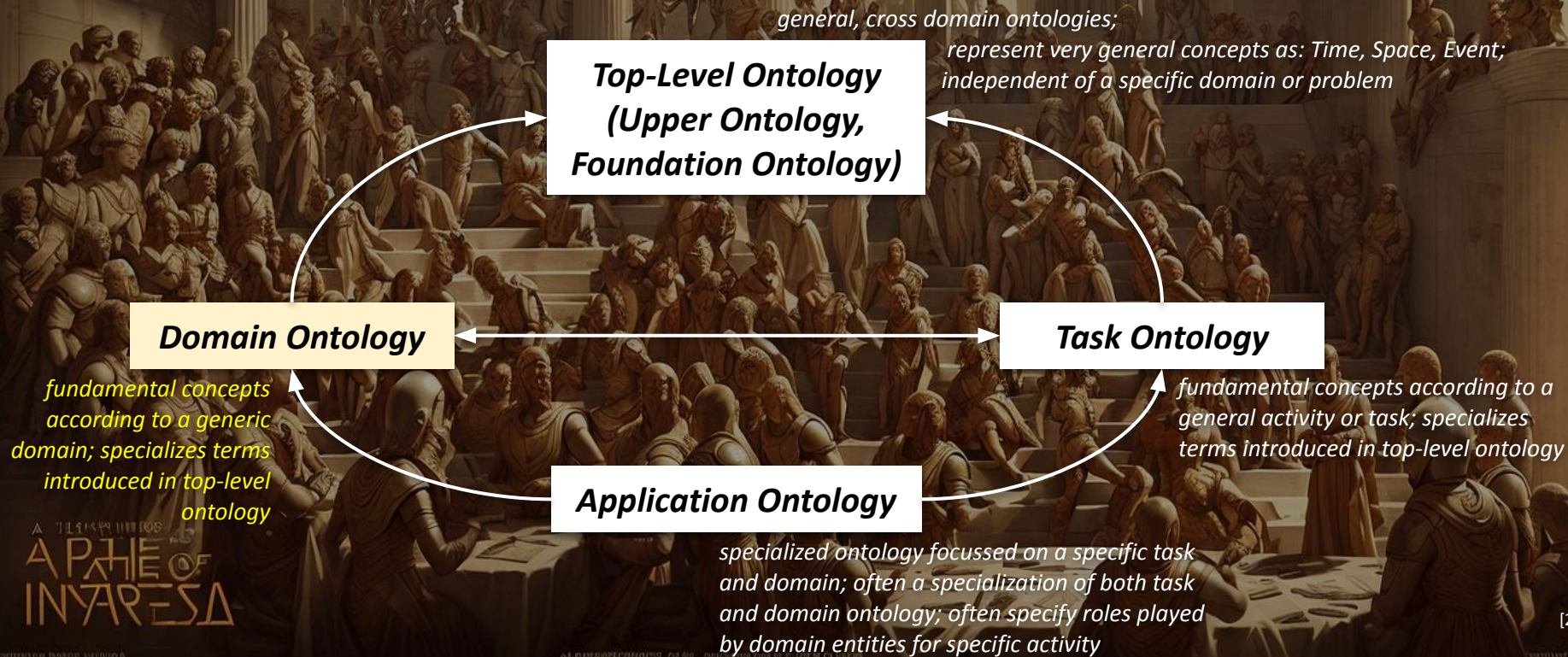
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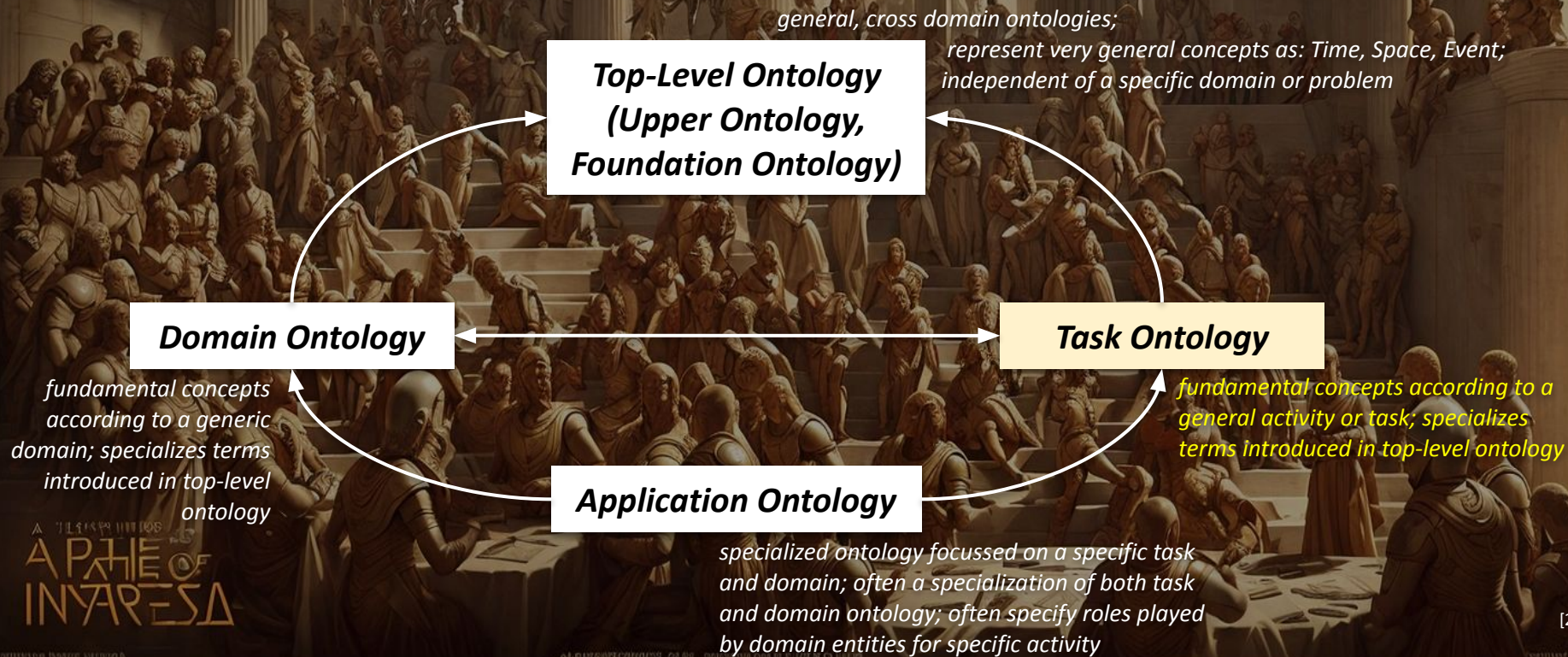
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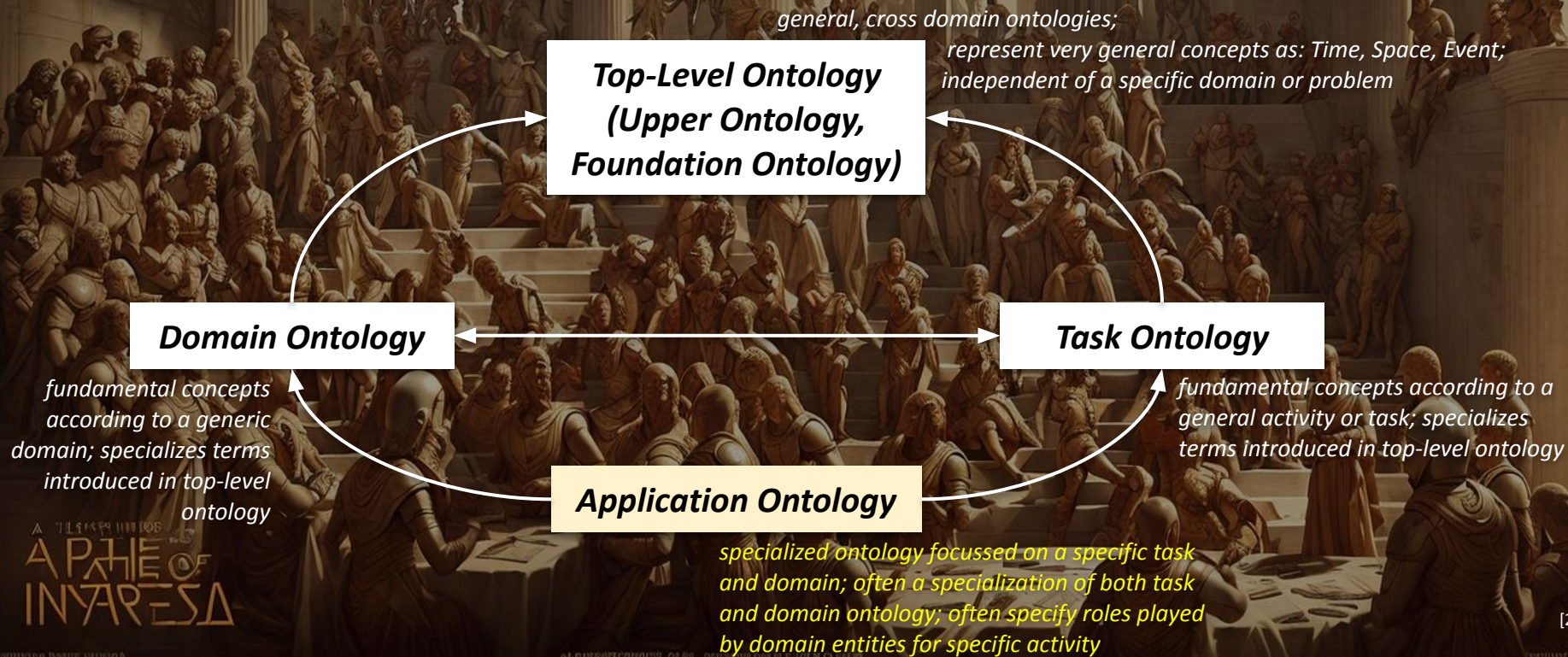


(according to Guarino: Formal Ontology in Information Systems, 1998)





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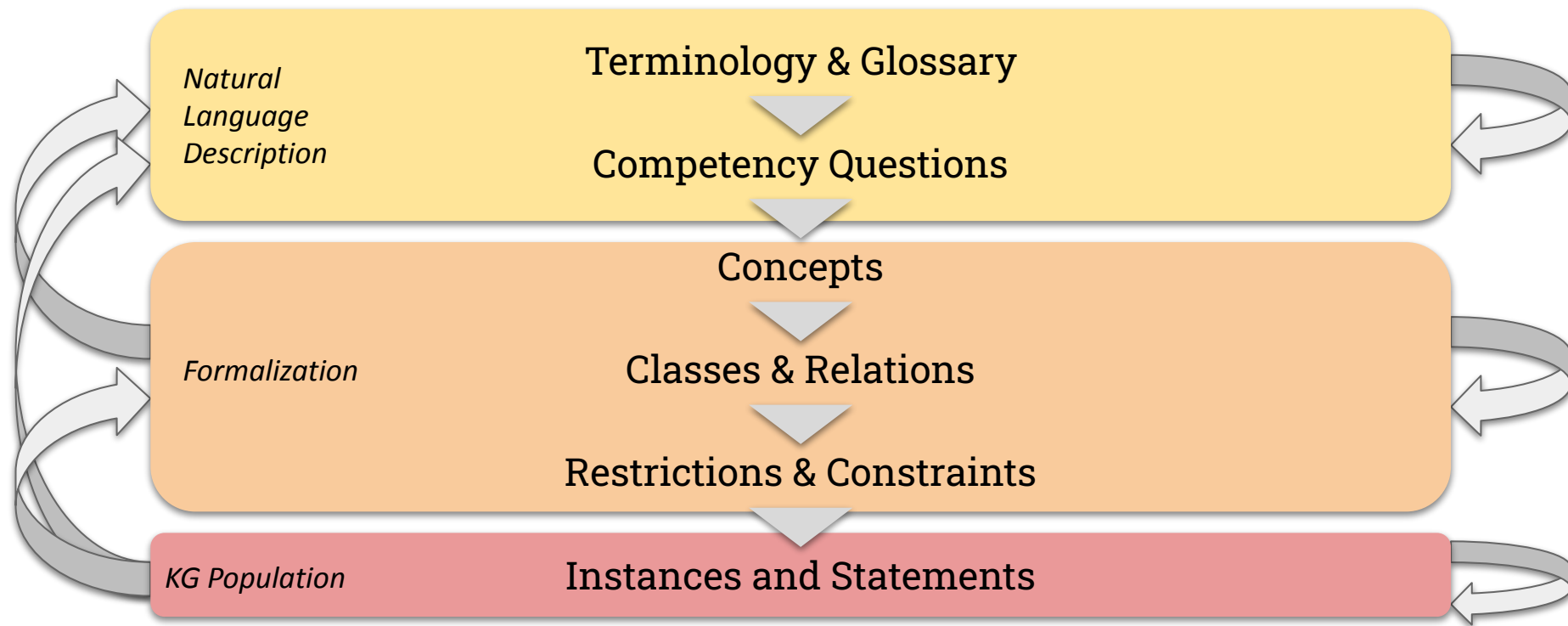
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# Ontology Design & Knowledge Graph Population



# How Ontologies can differ

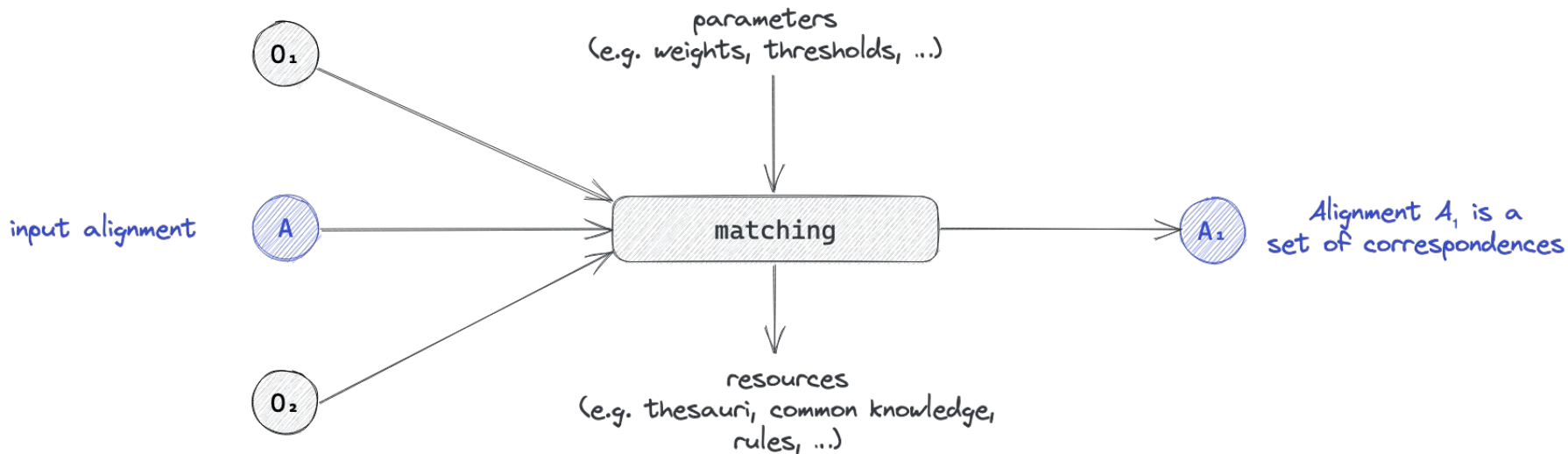
- the **same term describes different concepts**  
e.g. **Author** – *writer of a book vs. creator of a document*
- **different terms describe the same concept**  
e.g. **Author** vs. **Writer**
- **different modelling conventions and paradigms**  
e.g. **intervals** vs. **points** – *to describe temporal aspects*
- **different level of granularity**  
e.g. **Fiction** vs. **PoliticalFiction**, **ScienceFiction**,  
**RomanticFiction**, *etc. as literary genres*
- **different coverage or different point of view**
- etc.

# Heterogeneity of Ontologies

- **Syntactical Heterogeneity:**
  - Ontologies are available in **different ontology representation languages**.
  - Can be resolved on the conceptual level, most times preserving the semantics.
- **Terminological Heterogeneity:**
  - **Naming differences** for the identification of entities in different ontologies (E.g.: Author vs. Writer).
  - Might occur because different (natural) languages are used.
- **Conceptual (Semantic) Heterogeneity:**
  - Ontologies model **the same domain, but in different ways**.
  - Differences might occur in coverage, granularity, perspective, etc.
- **Semiotic (Pragmatic) Heterogeneity:**
  - **Differences in interpretation** of the domain to be modelled by humans (difficult).

# Ontology Alignment

**Ontologies Alignment** or **Ontology Matching** is the process of determining *correspondences* between ontological concepts:



# Correspondences & Mappings

- Given the **ontologies**  $O_1$  and  $O_2$ , a **correspondence** or **mapping** among the **entities**  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  from  $O_1$  respectively  $O_2$ , is defined as

$$\langle \text{id}, e_1, e_2, r, n \rangle$$

- with
  - id** ... a unique **identifier** of the correspondence
  - r** ... a **relation**, as e.g. equivalence ( $=$ ), more general ( $\sqsupseteq, \geq$ ), less general ( $\sqsubseteq, \leq$ ), disjointness ( $\perp$ ), part-of, etc...
  - n** ... a **confidence measure** (typically in the range of  $[0,1]$ ) holding for the correspondence between  $e_1$  and  $e_2$
- the correspondence  $\langle \text{id}, e_1, e_2, r, n \rangle$  asserts that the relation  $r$  holds between the entities  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  with confidence  $n$

# Correspondences & Mappings

Examples of **simple correspondences**:

- `dbpedia:George_Orwell = wikidata:Q3335`
- `:Author = :Writer`
- `:Fiction  $\geq_{1.0}$  :ScienceFiction`
- `rdfs:label  $\geq_{0.9}$  dc:title`



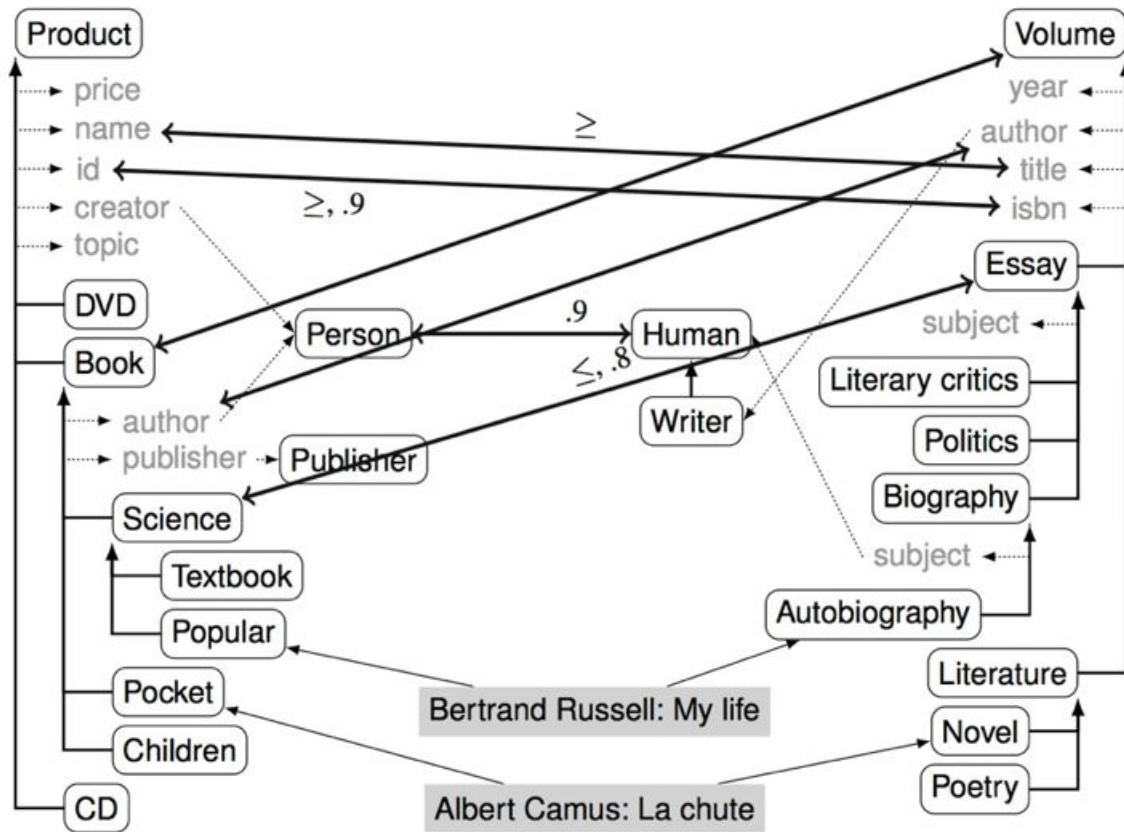
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Examples of **more complex correspondences**:




- `:speed = :velocity × 2.237`  
`0.477 × :speed = :velocity`
- `Book(x) ∧ author(x,y) ∧ Writer(y) ⇒.85`  
`writtenBy(x,concat(y.firstname, y.lastname))`

# Ontology Alignment Example

$Book =_{1.0} Volume$   
 $id \geq_{0.9} isbd$   
 $Person =_{0.9} Human$   
 $name \geq_{1.0} title$   
 $author =_{1.0} author$   
 $Science \leq_{0.9} Essay$



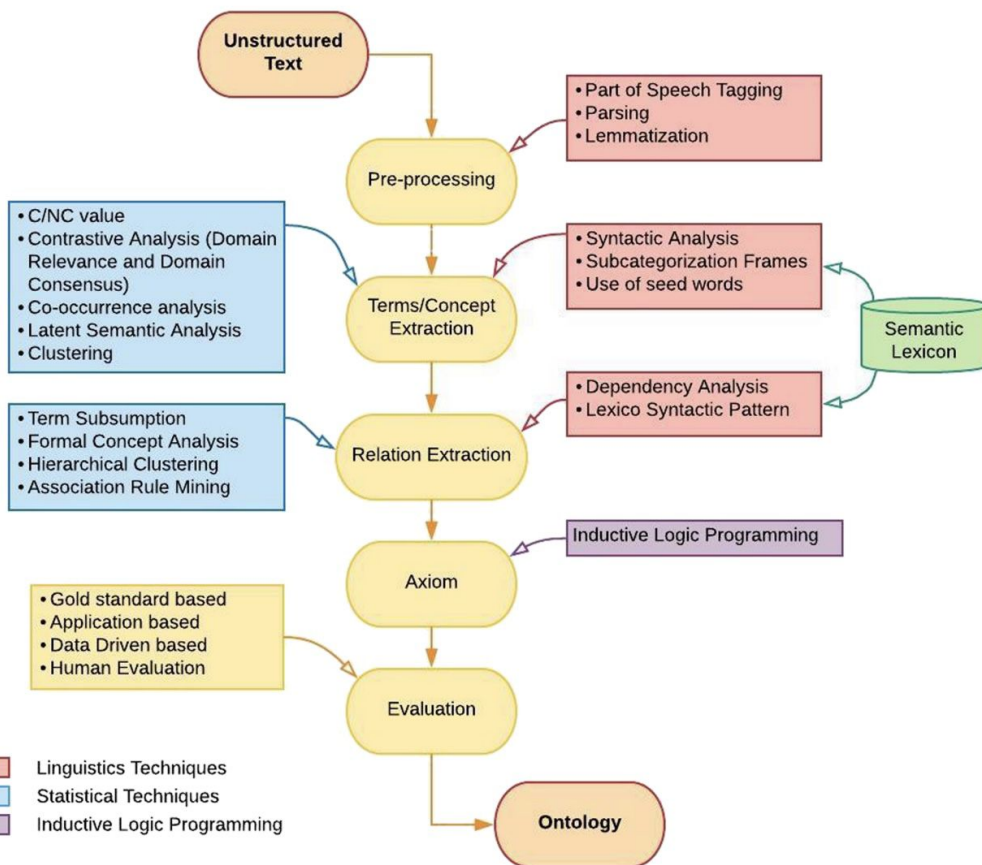
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# Ontology Learning

- **Ontology Learning from Text**  
automatic or semi-automatic generation of lightweight ontologies by means of text mining and information extraction
- **Linked Data Mining**  
detecting meaningful patterns in RDF graphs via statistical schema induction or statistical relational learning
- **Concept Learning in Description Logics and OWL**  
learning schema axioms from existing ontologies and instance data mostly based on Inductive Logic Programming
- **Crowdsourcing Ontologies**  
combines the speed of computers with the accuracy of humans, e.g. taxonomy construction via Amazon Turk or games with a purpose

# Ontology Learning from Text



Asim (2018)

# The Ontology Learning Layer Cake

Country  $\sqsubseteq \leq 1$  hasCapital.  $\top$

General Axioms

River  $\sqcap$  Mountain  $\sqsubseteq \perp$

Axiomatic Schemata

capitalOf  $\sqsubseteq$  locatedIn

Relation Hierarchies

flowThrough(dom:River, range:GeoEntity)

Relations

Capital  $\sqsubseteq$  City , City  $\sqsubseteq$  InhabitedGeoEntity

Concept Hierarchies

c:=country:=<description(c), uri(c)>

Concept Description

{country, nation, land}

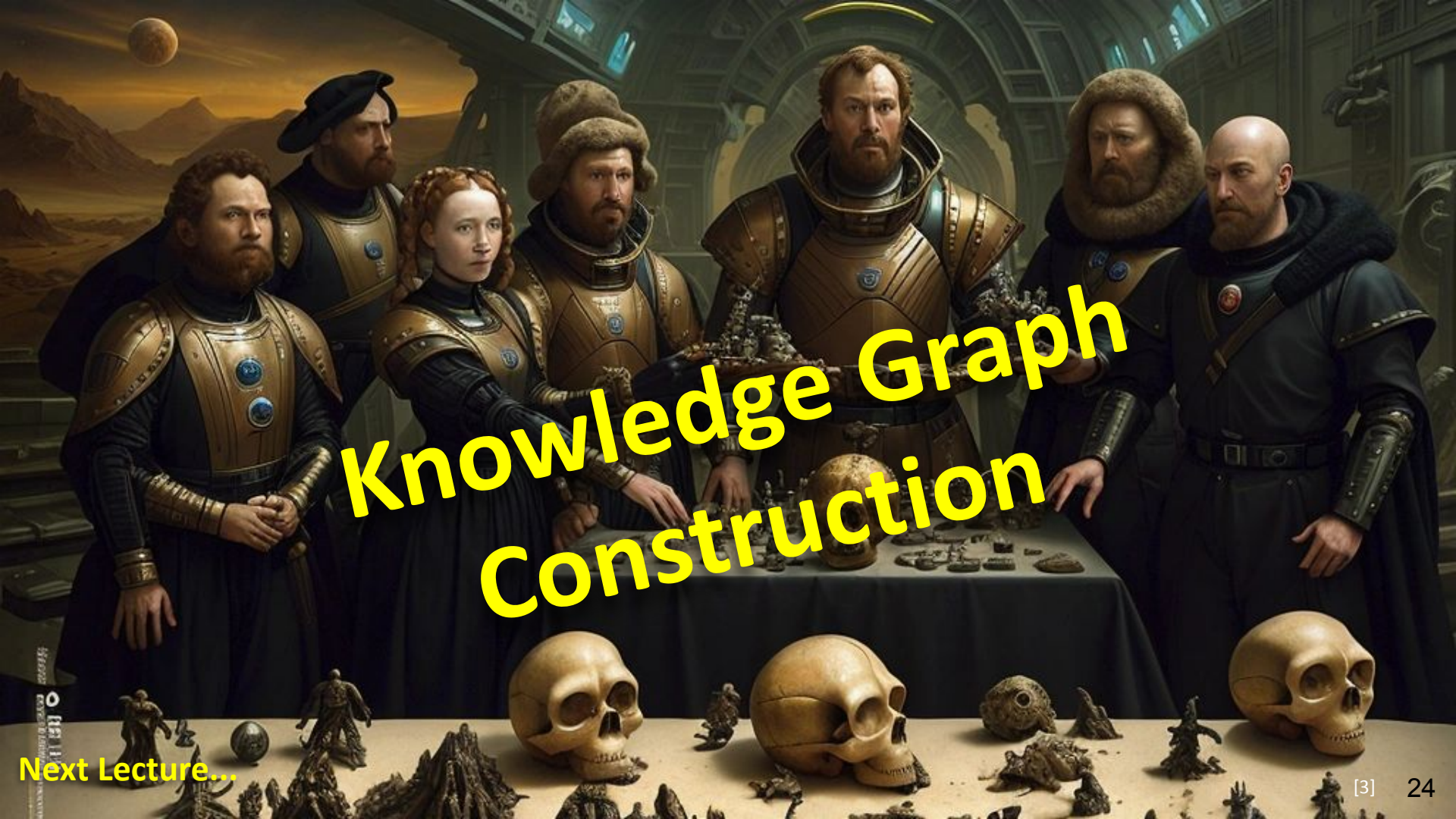
Multilingual Synonyms

river, country, nation, city, capital, ...

Terms

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# Knowledge Graph Construction

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