

Agorai Appoints Dr. Catherine Havasi as AI Science Lead

Renowned AI expert and MIT scientist to help shape product and business development for Agorai's marketplace

NEW YORK, NY, January 15, 2019 – Agorai, a global platform which provides the turnkey software solutions, technology and data needed for any company to join the AI economy, today announced the appointment of Dr. Catherine Havasi as its first AI Science Lead.

Dr. Havasi is recognized throughout the AI industry as a pioneer and leading expert around the fields of natural language processing and machine learning. For over a decade, Dr. Havasi has spearheaded projects and research initiatives at the MIT Media Lab that have been seminal in the development of AI for real-life applications. Additionally, Dr. Havasi has co-founded and led multiple AI-focused entities, including the ConceptNet semantic network and Luminoso Technologies, where she served as CEO for seven years.

At Agorai, Dr. Havasi will play a vital role in the strategic assessment, development and integration of applications for its marketplace, set to go live in early 2019. She will also support technical due diligence on potential future acquisitions, as well as provide guidance around areas of revenue and technological growth.

"Agorai and I share the same values: open, collaborative access to artificial intelligence tools and the application of these technologies to impact everyday lives," said Dr. Havasi. "The work that we do, together and independently, is advancing AI out of the labs and into real-life use cases across the business world. I'm excited to be joining such a dynamic team and helping shape the evolution of the platform."

"Dr. Havasi has that rare combination of sheer intelligence and business acumen that can turn radical concepts into reality," said Josh Sutton, CEO, Agorai. "Her groundbreaking work at MIT has paved the way for Agorai, our partners and others within the AI world to develop the technologies and applications that will reshape multiple industries. With Dr. Havasi playing a central role in Agorai's development, we stand fully confident in our ability to connect businesses with transformative AI tools."

In the AI world, Dr. Havasi is best known for her work alongside Dr. Marvin Minsky at MIT to create the Open Mind Common Sense Project, now known as ConceptNet, which is one of the largest common sense knowledge bases in the world. She has also served as the director of the Digital Intuition Group at the MIT Media Lab. In recent years, she has been named by Fast Company as one of the '100 Most Creative People in Business' as well as one of Boston Business Journal's '40 Under 40.' Dr. Havasi holds a PhD in Computer Science from Brandeis University and a MEng in Computer Science and Computer Engineering from MIT.

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