

The Future of Digital Humanities – Beyond Humanities?

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The natural sciences embraced computational tools and methods early on, primarily because of the extensive processing of large quantities of experimental data. More recently, the digital humanities (DH) have also started to incorporate these methods into their research agenda, driven by a significant increase in digitally available texts, images, audio and video files. However, I believe that this is not all that the natural sciences have to offer. In this talk I argue that DH can learn far more from the natural sciences than just adopting their statistical and computational methods. I look forward to explore the potential of adding theoretical frameworks and genuine research topics from the natural sciences to DH and reflect on how this might change the DH as a discipline in the future. Will there even be such a thing as DH in twenty years, or will digital methods and interdisciplinary collaborations just be the norm in a future world of "Interdisciplinary Digital Sciences"?