

A Contribution to e-Wissenschaft

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This talk will discuss the state-of-the-art in e-infrastructure for arts and humanities. To this end, it will first introduce the background and history of Digital Humanities, which go back to the 1940's. It will then introduce the more recent developments, which attempt to build and use e-infrastructure to enhance humanities. Several grass-roots projects from humanities researchers will be introduced and the overall attempts to use existing e-infrastructure that was developed for the sciences. The German term Wissenschaft reminds us much more than the English one sciences that both humanities and sciences have common roots, which make it possible and exciting to investigate how scientific infrastructures could work for the Humanities. We will classify how successful such attempts were and develop the idea of data-driven humanities. The talk will finally analyse how we at King's College London attempt to make the grass-roots humanities e-infrastructure projects sustainable by getting engaged with European infrastructure projects and by developing a university-wide infrastructure for KCL.