

DH for Breakfast

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Why does Language Matter in DH
in the Age of AI?

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Why does language diversity matter in digital humanities, particularly in the age of AI? This talk will open up a space for discussion on potential shared characteristics and challenges in advancing digital scholarship in different languages and scripts. The rapid development of digital humanities has led to the diversification of the field with a wide array of tools and methods. However, linguistic aspects remain a problem in DH practice because most languages beyond English, and particularly non-Latin scripts, are still significantly underrepresented and under-resourced.

My talk will consider the complexities of what the term multilingual DH refers to through my individual and data-driven collaborative research projects focusing on both conceptual perspectives on language inclusivity in digital scholarship and more pragmatic considerations regarding its “users” through UX methods. In addition, I will discuss the realities and specific

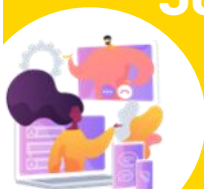
challenges of the lifecycle of a multilingual DH project through case studies pointing at broader issues that multilingual DH as a phenomenon reveals about the importance of language diversity towards equal access to digital tools. Arguing for a need for a more multifaceted understanding of the realities of those involved in multilingual DH, I will also showcase concrete examples of initiatives to enhance language diversity towards a more inclusive DH field.



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