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Leading horses to the computational social science trough - Experiences with getting established social science and humanities researchers excited about computational methods and digital data

As interdisciplinary fields such as social data science, digital and computational humanities, computational social science and the like have become more popular and widely known, social science and humanities researchers in general have become increasingly aware of the possibilities provided by techniques and methods usually associated with computer and information sciences. At the same time, the core social science and humanities disciplines are also adopting such techniques and methods as part of their methodological repertoire, setting new expectations to established social science and humanities researchers.

During this talk, Kristian Kjellmann will present his experiences over the past five years with integrating computational techniques in social science and humanities disciplines from the perspective of

established social science and humanities researchers wanting to expand their methodological toolbox. The talk both presents the concrete approach taken by the computational social science lab CALDISS at Aalborg University to address this issue as well as concrete experiences from various successful (and unsuccessful) pilot projects trying to increase the use of computational techniques and methods; including experiences with getting established researchers excited about programming, co-developing tools as well as facilitating and managing digital data collection for various research projects.



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