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The digital humanities are by no means a field at the interface between computer science and the humanities that is confined to the use of databases in the humanities. In recent years, not only new interdisciplinary, meta-theoretical questions have arisen, but also technological progress and new forms of academic collaboration and publication have turned the digital humanities into a dynamic interdisciplinary area of research. Additionally, developments like smart mobility, digital education or digital diagnostics show that the digital humanities are not only a constantly growing field of research, but also open up broader questions about the digitalization of society as a whole.

However, several questions remain: Do computer-based analyses meet the high disciplinary and epistemological demands of traditional critical (text) analysis in the humanities and cultural sciences? How do academic traditions change through the process digitalization? What could a productive collaboration between computer science and the humanities look like? What are the infrastructural prerequisites for further digitalizing academic work and what will be the impact of future technical evolution on the development of the digital humanities? Finally, what will be the future status of the digital humanities within the broader landscape of academic/scientific disciplines? By bringing together international experts from the USA, Ireland and Germany, the KOSMOS Dialogue critically discusses these and further challenges that the digital humanities will face in the future.

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