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Digital Humanism

Digital Humanism, as I understand it, defends the human condition against transhumanistic transformations and animistic regressions. The core element of humanism is the idea of authorship: humans are the authors of their lives, they are responsible for what they believe and desire, reasonable insofar as they are affected by reasons, free insofar as they can evaluate and choose. Humanism in ethics and politics strives at extending human authorship by formation and social policy. Digitization changes the technological conditions of humanist practice, but does not transfrom humans in cyborgs or establish machines as persons. Digital humanism rejects transhumanistic an animistic perspectives alike, it rejects the idea of homo deus, the human god that creates e-persons as friends as possibly one day as enemies.

In my talk I will outline the basic ideas of digital humanism and draw some ethical and political conclusions.