



## Why Computing Belongs Within the Social Sciences

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Computer Science faces a gap between its desire to do good and the sometimes harmful effects of its interventions. As such, it is important for higher-education computing programs to do more than simply add in ethics instruction or codes of conduct into their curricula. The remedy to these ills lies less in philosophy and more in fields such as sociology, psychology, anthropology, and political science. That is, because computing is entangled within the human and social lifeworld, computing as an academic discipline needs to move away from engineering-inspired curricular models and integrate the analytic lenses supplied by social science theories and methodologies. This presentation is an extension of Connolly's Communications of the ACM article, "Why Computing Belongs Within the Social Sciences," which has been downloaded over 44000 times since its publication in August 2020.

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