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## **A flat ontology based empirical research about the enactment of an urban high-tech industry**

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Against the background of the current debate about the explanatory power of a so called 'flat ontology' (Marston/Jones III/Woodward) the planned contribution will follow the aims to summarize central aspects of this approach and to combine it with other current social science approaches which can be used to explain the enactment (Mol/Law) of an industrial high-technology industry in Dortmund, a city in the Ruhr Area in Germany. Based on an empirical study of several years, it will be set out that the enactment of the high-tech industry might be grasped as a multiple phenomenon. Its multiplicity is created through the activities of heterogeneous actor constellations, whose individuals are members of different network-arrangements (for instance of economic policy, different industries, creditors or the public media) actualising different partly overlapping or partly contradicting bundles of social practices (Schatzki) (for instance of urban revitalization concept development, of company development, of employee participation, of venture capital financing, of informing reporting or of a critically distanced report) in a specific relational space (Massey).

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