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Synopsis

Examines the concept of an assemblage of heterogeneous components Gilles Deleuze considered his concept of "assemblage" to be one of his most important contributions to philosophy. Yet he never developed it consistently and systematically, whether in his own books or those co-authored with Félix Guattari. In this book Manuel DeLanda provides the first detailed overview of the assemblage theory found in germ in Deleuze and Guattari's writings. Through a series of case studies, DeLanda shows how the concept can be applied to economic, linguistic, and military history as well as to metaphysics, science, and mathematics. DeLanda then presents the real power of assemblage theory by advancing it beyond its original formulation. This allows for the integration of communities, institutional organizations, cities, and urban regions, while challenging Marxist orthodoxy with a Leftist politics of assemblages.

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Manuel DeLanda is an internationally recognised philosopher. He is Professor of Contemporary Philosophy and Science at the European Graduate School and is Adjunct Professor of Architecture at Princeton University. DeLanda is the author of many well-known works including *Philosophy and Simulation* (Continuum, 2011), *Deleuze: History and Science* (Atropos Press, 2010), *A New Philosophy of Society* (Continuum, 2006), *Intensive Science and Virtual Philosophy* (Continuum, 2002), *A Thousand Years of Nonlinear History* (Zone Books, 1997) and *War in the Age of Intelligent Machines* (Zone Books, 1991).

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