Record Nr. UNISA996328034303316 Autore More Prachi Titolo Actors and Networks in the Megacity: A Literary Analysis of Urban Narratives / Prachi More Bielefeld, : transcript Verlag, 2017 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 3-8394-3834-9 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (222 pages): illustrations Collana **Urban Studies** Classificazione HG 430 Disciplina 810 Soggetti Materialism; Realism; Documentary; Representation; Urban Cities; Global South; Bruno Latour; Actor-Network Theory; ANT; Megacity; Documenting Strategy: Narrative: Knowledge Production: Epistemology: Sociology; Literature; City; General Literature Studies; Urban Studies; Theory of Literature; Literary Studies Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Frontmatter 1 Table Of Contents 5 List Of Illustrations 7 Acknowledgement 9 Introduction: Urban Narratives And Bruno Latour's Empiricism 11 I. Contextualizing Contemporary Urban Narratives As Literary Documentary 21 II. Bruno Latour's 'New Empiricism' 37 III. The Poetics and Politics of Rambling in lain Sinclair's Hackney, That Rose-Red Empire 65 IV. Strategies, Spatial Trajectories And Scenography: Micro-Mapping The Megacity In Suketu Mehta's Maximum City 113 V. Of Spirals And Capitals: Sam Miller's Delhi, Adventures In A Megacity 151 Conclusion: Actor-Network Theory And Literary Criticism 181 Works Cited 199 This study is a concise introduction to Bruno Latour's Actor-Network Sommario/riassunto Theory and its application in a literary analysis of urban narratives of the 21st century. We encounter well-known psycho-geographers such as Iain Sinclair and Sam Miller, and renowned authors, Patrick Neate and Suketu Mehta. Prachi More analyses these authors' accounts of vastly different cities such as London, Delhi, Mumbai, Johannesburg, New York and Tokyo. Are these urban narratives a contemporary solution to documenting an ever-evasive urban reality? If so, how do they embody "matters of concern" as Latour would have put it, laying

bare modern-day "actors" and "networks" rather than reporting mere

"matters of fact"? These questions are drawn into an inter-disciplinary discussion that addresses concerns and questions of epistemology, the sociology of knowledge as well as urban and documentary studies.