Radical Ontic Structural Realism and Holistic Monism

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Love it or hate it, Ontic Structural Realism has left an indelible mark on the scientific realism and the metaphysics of science landscape. Its success is no doubt due to the modern-physics-inspired reimagining of the fundamental constitution of nature, from object-centric to structure-centric. Alas, the most intriguing and revolutionary variant of the view, Radical Ontic Structural Realism, has been overlooked lately because of a powerful objection that questions its coherence: No relations without relata! In this talk, I argue that this objection can be satisfactorily addressed but only if we uphold a kind of holistic monism towards metaphysics. The upshot is a conditional endorsement of Radical Ontic Structural Realism and therefore a way to honour the pledge towards a radical revision of traditional metaphysics.