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In the mid-1970s, the Korean central government initiated policies of creating a complex of government-sponsored research institutes in the City of Daejeon, called “Daedeok Science Park,” which now has grown to host many national-scale, public and private, research institutes and high-tech firms. A decade later, the City of Dortmund, with its partners, also started to create a technology park. Each of these two technology parks set its own goals and took actions to accomplish them going through many changes in its policies. The process has resulted in various transformations in the governances of the technology parks and the local economies. The lecture will address the changes and transformations to evaluate the outcomes, based on relational institutionalism, and examine usefulness of the theory.