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education policy and practice: an historical overview of university foundation, which is demonstrated as having almost invariably incorporated a context-specific element of social purpose, together with a survey of how these "founding" intentions have fared in different systems of higher education; a contemporary account of the policy and practice of universities all over the world seeking to re-engage with this social purpose; and an overview of generic issues which emerge for the "engaged university."--

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