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interviews, both formal and informal, as well as a detailed study of documents. Their findings are written up in the language of politics - in terms of power, authority, influence, regulation and decision making. The result is thus of value both to those with a practical interest in universities and to those with a more theoretical interest in politics or organisational behaviour.

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