

Universities in Networks

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ABSTRACT

University relations with society and with industry in particular, have been researched frequently, because of the importance of the university as an institution that is a locus of knowledge creation that affects all of society. Several methodological approaches have been used to research the issue, including documental research, several types of case studies, ethnographic and historical approaches or surveys with varying scopes. More recently, the tools of social network analysis have been applied to the study of university relations. Since the phenomena involves a large amount of actors, the methodology seems particularly appropriated to understand some of its aspects. It allows a more expanded perspective, compared to other empirical studies, thus providing different and new perspectives that can be confronted with some of the more or less established ideas or theories about the theme.

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