



Handbook of Research on Cluster Theory

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Clusters have increasingly dominated local and regional development policies in recent decades and the growing intellectual and political interest for clusters and clustering is the prime motivation for this Handbook.

Charlie Karlsson unites leading experts to present a thorough overview of economic cluster research.

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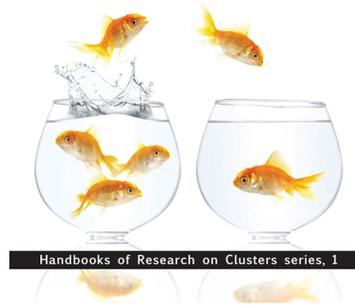
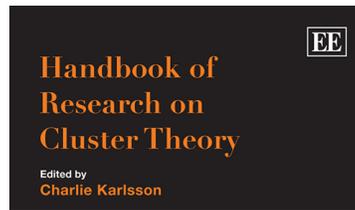
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