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Main fields of research

Sustainable innovation; Socio-technical change; Energy policy; Technological expectations