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#### Main fields of research

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Consumer culture and global supply chains, sustainable and ethical production and consumption of electronics