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Research Focus: entrepreneurial ecosystems, governance.



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Research Focus: Entrepreneurial ecosystem elements, new venture growth, societal attitudes.



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Research Focus: entrepreneurial ecosystems as practice.



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Research Focus: Social entrepreneurship, refugee entrepreneurship, and entrepreneurship and autism.



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Research Focus: Education, heuristics, family business, intentions.



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Research Focus: Social Impact, Social Change, Impact Investing, Sustainability.



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