Special Issue

Climate Policy in Fragmented Political Environments– Transformative Governance Interactions at Multiple Levels

Message from the Guest Editors

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