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Scholars Break Down 'Policy Coherence': The Impact of Sustainable Development Global Agendas on Academic Literature", (with M.S. Righettini, in Environmental Policy and Governance, 2021); Agri-Food Policy, in H. Harris et al. (eds), The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs, Palgrave Macmillan (2020).

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