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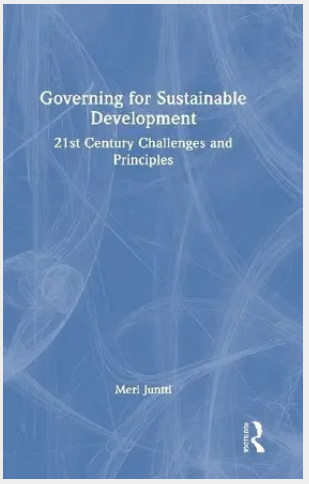
Governing for Sustainable Development

21st Century Challenges and Principles



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