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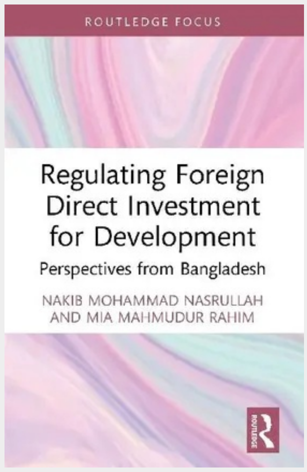
Regulating Foreign Direct Investment for Development

Perspectives from Bangladesh



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