



Leadership and Political Risk Taking - A comparative Analysis between Northern Ireland and the Basque Country

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