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Comparative Studies and Regionally-Focused Cases Examining Local Governments

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Remaking Politics, Markets, and Citizens in Turkey

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E-merging for E-Government

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