Short CV for Folke Snickars



Folke Snickars holds a Ph D degree in Optimisation from the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm in 1978. He worked as Deputy Leader of the Regional Development Group, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria during 1980-1982.

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