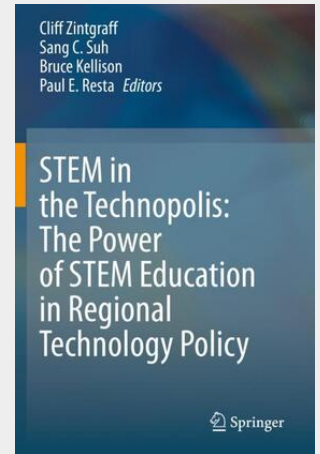


STEM in the Technopolis: The Power of STEM Education in Regional Technology Policy

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