Essays in applied econometrics: Analysing the interplay between crime and the economy using the synthetic control method, spatial panel regressions and group based trajectory modelling

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