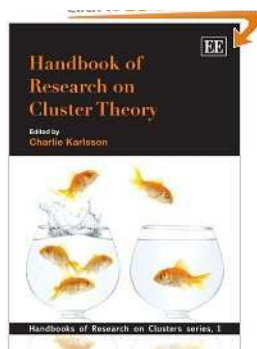(*www.huro-cbc.eu* , *www.hungary-romania-cbc.eu*)

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