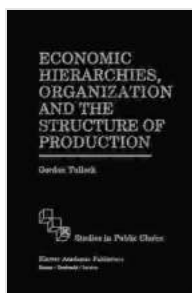


# Unveiling the Intricacies of Economic Hierarchies: Organization and the Structure of Production

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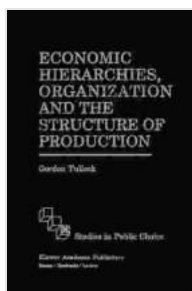
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