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Qualifications

International Studies, Chinese Studies, Master of International Studies, University of Sydney
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7 Aug 2013 HDR Supervision Training (Historic Record), HDR99
26 Oct 2011 HDR Supervision Training (Historic Record), HDR99
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Research output

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Cosmology, society, and humanity: Tian in the Guodian texts (part II)

Equilibrium in classical Confucian “Economy”

Polishing the jade: 'Xing' (human nature) and moral cultivation in the Analects

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