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Dear colleagues,

I am writing to make you aware that the University has today published a statement on its website summarising the findings and outcome of a lengthy research integrity investigation into the published works of a member of academic staff in our School. You can read the [statement online](#), but I also append it here for convenience.

The University has agreed, out of concern for an ongoing health issue, not to name the individual in its published web statement. However, it has also confirmed that, as Head of School and in the interests of transparency, I can inform our School community that the findings relate to the work of Ros Holmes, formerly of the Department of Chinese Studies. Ros Holmes was appointed to St Andrews in 2020. She has now left the University.

This personal information is not confidential, but I know you will treat it with due respect and consideration in the circumstances.

The School has assisted and cooperated fully with the research integrity investigation,

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The School has assisted and cooperated fully with the research integrity investigation, while continuing to provide support to Ros Holmes as an employee. I would like to thank Gregory Lee and his colleagues in the Department of Chinese Studies for their forbearance over the past year. This has been a very difficult period for all of them.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes,
Nicki

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The investigation found incontrovertible evidence that the individual had used the texts and conclusions of other scholars and journalists in their published works without appropriate attribution, and that this amounted to plagiarism and research misconduct.

Over 70 instances of plagiarism, from a wide range of sources, were established across seven pieces of work published between 2014 and 2022.

The individual is no longer employed by the University of St Andrews.

The University is informing all relevant publishers and previous employers of the findings of the research integrity investigation and is grateful for the cooperation and support on which it has been able to rely throughout the investigatory process.

Further information and inquiries:

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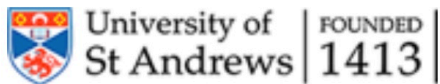
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