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Biography

Dr Anthony Spires is Deputy Director of Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies at The University of Melbourne. He held positions at the Chinese University of Hong Kong as an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and as Director of the Centre for Social Innovation Studies before his position at The University of Melbourne. As a graduate of Occidental College, he holds a PhD in Sociology from Yale University.

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