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Biography

Professor Biao Xiang is Director of Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Germany since 2020. He was Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford before that.

Professor Xiang's research addresses various types of migration – internal and international, unskilled and highly skilled, emigration and return migration, and the places and people left behind – in China, India and other parts of Asia. He is the winner of the 2008 Anthony Leeds Prize for his book *Global Bodyshopping* and the 2012 William L. Holland Prize for his article 'Predatory Princes'. His 2000 Chinese book *跨越邊界的社區* (published in English as *Transcending Boundaries*, 2005) was reprinted in 2018 as a contemporary classic, and *自己作為方法* (*Self as Method*, co-authored with Wu Qi) was ranked the Most Impactful Book 2020. His work has been translated into Japanese, French, Korean, Spanish, German and Italian.