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Profesor's Gao reserch interest areas are: Risk management and corporate governance; Social and environment reporting; Accounting and finance in China; Derivatives disclosure and accounting policy; XBRL and financial reporting; International leasing – accounting and finance issues. His teaching areas are:

- 1) International Accounting [BA/BA (Honours) Accounting]
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Previous Appointments of professor Gao: 10/95- 02/98 Senior Lecturer in Financial Services, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK.

01/95-09/95 Senior Lecturer in Accounting & Finance, Staffordshire University, UK

10/92-12/94 Lecturer in Accounting & Financial Services, University of Central Lancashire, UK

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07/84-07/86 Associate Lecturer in Management, Shaanxi Institute of Technology, China

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