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**Dr Scott Smith**  
**Senior Lecturer**  
**Master of Education Program**

### **BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS**

Scott has lived most of his life in Sydney, but he has also spent an extended period in China where he learned Mandarin and taught English. Prior to living in China, he worked as a secondary teacher for 9 years, teaching HSIE courses such as Geography, Legal Studies and Business Studies. Upon his return from China, he worked as the Academic Manager of a private English college in Sydney. After this, and following several years promoting Mandarin courses for the Department of Education, he went back into research. Scott has two adult children who both live in Sydney.

### **EDUCATION**

Scott's Bachelor's degree at Macquarie University prepared him for secondary teaching in the area of HSIE. Whilst teaching he completed a Master of Arts in Geography at the University of Sydney. Following his time living overseas, he returned to Sydney and gained a Master of Applied Linguistics (TESOL) and a Master of Research in International Studies at Macquarie university. His subsequent PhD research focused on intercultural language teaching and teacher beliefs.

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Scott's research interests lie in the fields of languages education, teacher beliefs and pedagogy. He is also interested in International Comparative Education (ICE).

### **ASSOCIATIONS**

Scott recently served on the Chinese Language Teachers Association (NSW) Executive Committee for 4 years.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

Conference symposium chapter (2020):

Interculturality and pedagogy of teachers of Chinese in Australian schools: how are our teachers of Chinese positioned to deliver pedagogies of 'significance'?