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Outcome of research misconduct investigation, School of Modern Languages, University of St Andrews.

The University of St Andrews undertook a research integrity investigation after concerns were raised in May and June 2022 about the work of a lecturer in the School of Modern Languages.

The concerns were raised by academic publishers and other parties and related to work completed while in post at St Andrews, and prior to their appointment to the University in September 2020.

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 or produced 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.

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