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Scott Kennedy, China’s porous protectionism: The changing political economy of
trade policy, Political Science Quarterly 120(3), 2005: 407–32.

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Alessandra Aresu, Healthy in body and mind: Sex education in contemporary urban China (PhD diss., University of Westminster, 2006).

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16.7 **Paper presented at conference:**

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16.9 **Website**

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Book:

1 Chen (ed.), 中国刑事司法解释检讨.
2 Kang, 仁政, 17.

Article:

1 Kang and Han, 分类控制, 30–41.
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