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He is the author of numerous contributions to scholarly and practice-oriented journals and acts as reviewer for many of these. His publications have appeared in journals such as Accounting History, Australian Accounting Review, European Accounting Review, Management Accounting Research, Management Decision, Journal of Management and Governance, Journal of Business Economics and Schmalenbach Business Review. He is co-author of the leading German-language textbook "Einführung in das Controlling" (13th edition), which has also been translated into Mandarin. In addition, Professor Schäffer is co-editor of the leading German-language practitioner journals on Controlling (Controlling & Management Review) and the leading journal for management & control in the German-language area (Journal of Management Control). His research focus lies on the counterpart role in the Finance Function (i.e. the role of controllers, financial directors, and CFOs) as part of organized learning and critique.

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Prof. Dr. Utz Schäffer is keenly interested in business management knowledge development in China, particularly in the field of controlling and management accounting. He has committed himself to Sino-German academic dialog and practical cooperation.