

From: [Directorate](#)
To: [Wilson.Clive](#); [O'Connor.D](#)
Subject: FW: A follow-up about Dr. Tsai's Ph.D. thesis
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Dear Clive and Danny,

Please see the email below.

I suppose this is rather annoying and you probably will not respond to this person, but I am passing it on just for your information.

Best regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 August 2019 09:47
To: Directorate <Directorate@lse.ac.uk>; [REDACTED]
Subject: A follow-up about Dr. Tsai's Ph.D. thesis

Dear Director Shafik and PR Associate Director [REDACTED]:

As time lapses quickly the Taiwanese people's concern about one of their presidential candidate, an outstanding LSE alumna Tsai Ing-wen, grows stronger. So, I hereby copy and paste my July 27 email to both of you again to seek your very kind and generous help and assistance to let the Taiwanese electorate better understand Dr. Tsai by offering the answers to the questions in the said email or offering me at least the abstract, the content pages, and the first chapter of Dr. Tsai's thesis so I can explain the contents to the Taiwanese public so they can cast their ballots confidently on the election day of Jan. 11, 2020. Thank you very much.

Here are the contents of my previous email:

Recently, however, a news report that LSE informed Taiwan's Ministry Education that the author's approval would be required for anyone to request copies of pages of Tsai Ing-wen's PhD thesis entitled "Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions" really irritated the Taiwanese electorate and hurt their feelings severely. It's almost unacceptable and wasted all my efforts to help LSE solve the Taiwanese people's questioning about the thesis issues. Academically and theoretically, anyone would be pleased and appreciative to have as many people as one can have to read his/her PhD thesis. Why would anyone be so narrow-minded as to hide his/her thesis from the public and prevent people from reading it? The reasoning being as simple as this, the Taiwanese people just can't understand such uncommon policy and limit imposed by LSE. Or by the author herself?

Furthermore, judging from the birth year, one can hardly imagine that a "professor" in his early 30s can be a PhD supervisor of a PhD student only five years younger. Here I quote the word professor because I believed a magazine's confirmation that Mr. Michael J. Elliott did have his tenured professorship. However, this fact doesn't clean up people's questioning of other issues: Since Mr. Elliott had never been

reported to have a master's degree or a doctorate degree, 1) how, 2) when, and 3) why did he get that tenure to be the PhD supervisor of Tsai Ing-wen, the author of that highly questioned PhD. thesis? The thesis has been highly questioned for the following reasons: a) it had been missing/unavailable for 35 years before it was forced to reappear recently in the LSE library, b) Now that it was no longer missing, it is still unavailable to general public or interested researchers, and c) wouldn't you wonder, "What's there to hide?" If it were your thesis, would you limit people to read it?

Thank you very much. Your very kind and generous help and assistance to dig out the truth behind all these questions are of great value and therefore would be highly appreciated by the Taiwanese electorate, since Dr. Tsai is now a candidate of the Taiwanese presidential election in 2020. In democratic Taiwan, as in any other democratic country such as Britain, I'd assume that you'd agree, people deserve the right to know about each candidate before they cast their ballots.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the sender's name and signature.