

From: [Kelloway,C](#)
To: [O'Connor,D](#)
Subject: FW: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984
Date: 14 June 2019 12:42:58

FYI – shall we request the record?

I read on another email chain that her supervisor was a Mr MJ Elliott. Doing a quick google search I can't find him so it might be quite difficult for others to track him down.

Also, I think we should probably follow up with the People's News today as they haven't taken down Ruth's name. I don't know if it's worth another email asking them again and saying it is causing her some distress as she doesn't normally deal with the media and didn't think her private communication would be shared in this way?

Charlotte

From: Wilson,Clive
Sent: 14 June 2019 11:33
To: Kelloway,C
Subject: RE: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984

Hi Charlotte

although I suggested retrieving the student record, I didn't do that.

But it's also since been suggested that we would need the permission of the supervisor himself as he may end up being emailed directly – as Ruth was.

Clive

From: Kelloway,C
Sent: 13 June 2019 16:46
To: Wilson,Clive
Subject: RE: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984

No problem. Have you had any luck with retrieving her student record? As we may include the name of her supervisor and others involved with her viva in our reply to [REDACTED] (as I understand her office gave permission for this info to be shared).

Many thanks,
Charlotte

From: Wilson,Clive

Sent: 13 June 2019 16:30
To: Kelloway,C
Subject: RE: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984

Fab, thanks 😊

Clive

From: Kelloway,C
Sent: 13 June 2019 16:01
To: Wilson,Clive
Subject: RE: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984

Hi Clive,

Looks good. Does the below work?

Hi Joseph

As stated below, PhDs from that period were submitted to Senate House. LSE Library did not receive a copy which is why it isn't listed on our catalogue. Our records confirm Tsai Ing-Wen was awarded a PhD in Law 1984.

best wishes

Clive

From: Wilson,Clive
Sent: 13 June 2019 15:37
To: Kelloway,C
Subject: RE: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984

Hi Charlotte

normally I'd just bat a reply back almost without thinking about it – but is the below ok?

thanks

Clive

Hi [REDACTED]

as stated below, PhDs from that period were submitted to Senate House. LSE Library did not receive a copy which is why it isn't listed on our catalogue – missing or otherwise. The important thing is that Tsai Ing-Wen's PhD was correctly awarded.

best wishes

Clive

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 June 2019 15:29
To: Wilson, Clive
Subject: 回覆: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984

Dear Clive,

Thanks for your help! Does that mean the thesis is currently missing? But my friend studying in the LSE said normally it would show on your library system if an item is missing.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

寄件者: [Wilson, Clive](#)
傳送時間: 2019年6月13日 下午 07:55
收件者: [REDACTED]
主旨: RE: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984

Dear [REDACTED]

It is certainly normal that PhDs from the 1980s and earlier aren't routinely held online.

We have checked our records and both the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of London confirm that Tsai Ing-Wen was awarded a PhD in Law 1984.

However, all PhDs from that period were awarded under the University of London banner and would have been sent first to their Senate House Library. We have been in correspondence with the University of London about the thesis and extensive checks have been made. Unfortunately, Senate House are presently unable to find their copy.

yours sincerely

Clive Wilson
Enquiry Services Manager
LSE Library

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 June 2019 17:43

To: Lsethesesonline

Subject: Searching for a PhD thesis in 1984

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wonder if it's normal that the digital version of the PhD thesis of the President of Taiwan, Dr Ing-Wen Tsai, cannot be found on your website.

As the next presidential election is coming, some people are questioning whether she indeed wrote the thesis, since little information can be found online.

Even though I can find some information about her thesis on the website of the British Library, but neither abstract, supervisor nor doi are available here:

<https://ethos.bl.uk/OrderDetails.do?uin=uk.bl.ethos.652034>.

If you could kindly help me find her PhD thesis, or at least indicate its location, that would much clarify those questions against her credibility.

Thanks a lot and I look forward to your reply.

Best regards,

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