

**From:** [Gajewska, M](#)  
**To:** [Directorate](#)  
**Subject:** RE:  
**Date:** 17 June 2019 14:30:41

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I'll forward it to the Library for information.

Thanks,

Marta

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**From:** Directorate  
**Sent:** 17 June 2019 10:26  
**To:** Gajewska, M <M.Gajewska@lse.ac.uk>  
**Subject:** FW:

Hi Marta,  
Any idea what I can do about the email below?

Best regards,  
Kinga

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 June 2019 03:42  
**To:** Directorate <[Directorate@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Directorate@lse.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:**

Dear Director Shafik:

An LSE alumna, you might be interested in a recent controversy over another LSE alumna, Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, amid her efforts to win a 2nd term of her Taiwanese Presidency.

The controversy has been made public and hot in the Taiwanese Press, with the appearance of two letters by an LSE library assistant at Research Support Services, Ruth Orson, who describes Dr. Tsai's Ph.D. thesis two times as "unavailable" and "missing." Required by law, Dr. Tsai's Ph.D. thesis "would have been sent first to Senate House Library," and "would have gone to the IALS," according to Ms. Orson. "Unfortunately, Senate House apparently never received a copy and the IALS are unable to find their copy," says Ms. Orson in one of the two letters.

A candidate seeking her 2nd term in the upcoming Taiwanese presidential election, Dr. Tsai would have benefited should she face bluntly the Press's questioning. Unfortunately, she chose to evade all questions and keep silence regarding the whereabouts of her Ph.D. thesis and the accessibility to the thesis.

Dr. Tsai as the President carries with her a lot of Taiwanese people's hope for a brand-new democracy and with your highly esteemed status in LSE, you are a new hope for the Taiwanese people to keep their hope alive and help Dr. Tsai clarify the controversy by finding an access to her thesis and explain why the thesis should have been missing for so long, over 3 decades. It would be highly regretful should her candidacy be fouled by any suspicion as such.

As you commit to have the "original vision of LSE" remain constant, I am eager, with your very kind and generous help, to get access to the "original version of LSE" Ph.D. thesis by an outstanding alumna, Dr, Tsai Ing-wen.

Your very kind and generous assistance to find the truth behind the whereabouts and why Dr. Tsai's LSE Ph.D. thesis should be missing for so long would be greatly appreciated by the Taiwanese people. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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