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Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for getting in touch. I can confirm that the colour and name of Taiwan is NOT being changed.

I have provided a statement from LSE below.

**LSE spokesperson**

*"LSE is a place where people with different perspectives engage in respectful debate about major issues for the world.*

*"The World Turned Upside Down is a work of art by Mark Wallinger. It is his representation of the world in 2019.*

*"Following the unveiling earlier this year, the artist is making some changes and clarifications to the work.*

*"The designated borders, colours, and place names were chosen by the artist and do not imply authorisation by LSE. There are many disputed borders and the artist has chosen to indicate some of these by an asterisk."*

/END

**Background information:**

- The name and colour of REP. CHINA (Taiwan) has not been changed. The artist's amendments include adding an asterisk to REP. CHINA (Taiwan), along with other countries, directing the public to an explanatory plaque.

Kind regards,

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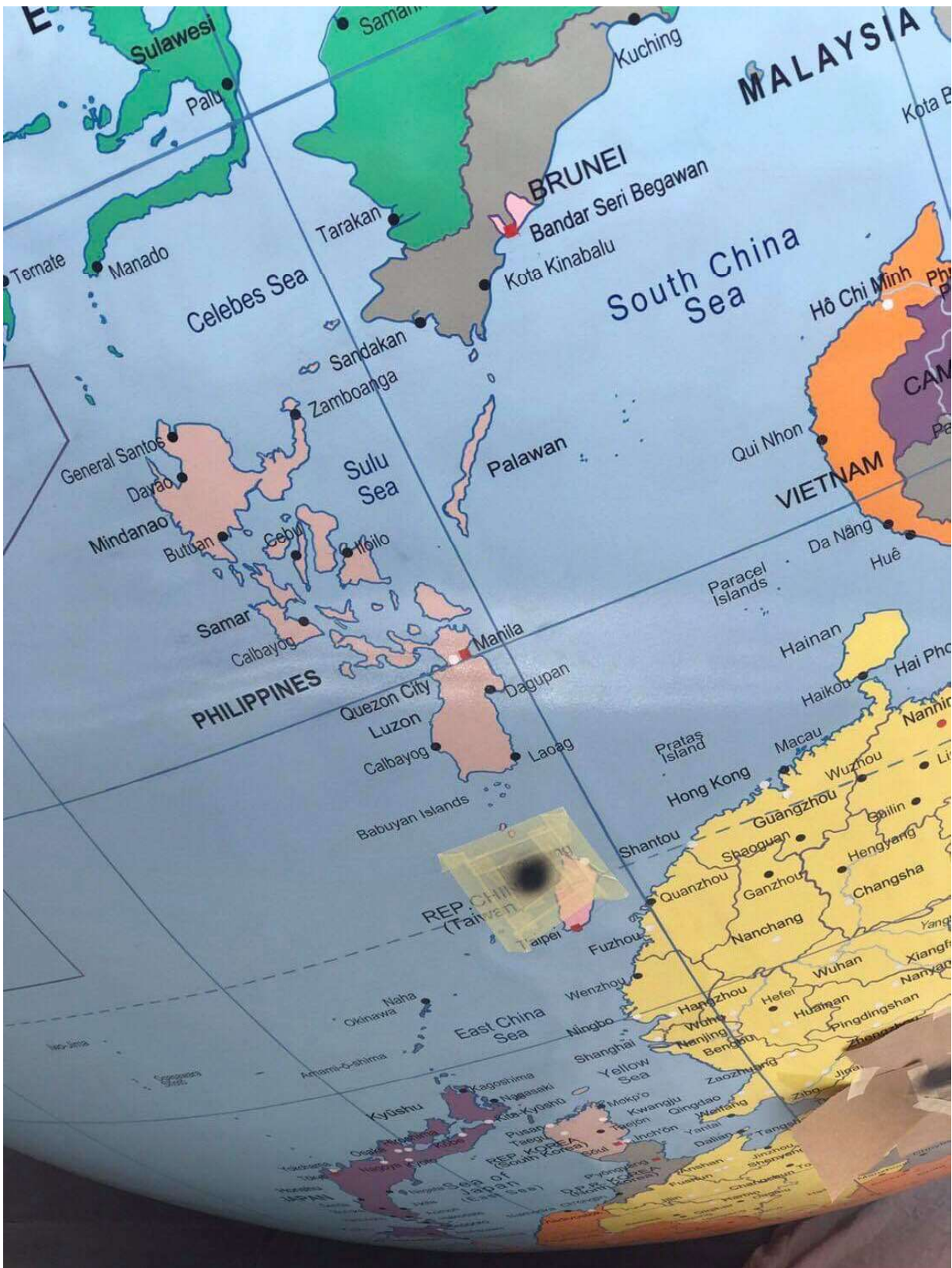
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 July 2019 14:24  
**To:** Media Relations  
**Subject:** Re: About Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen's degree

Hi,

I noticed that there is a sticker on the TAIWAN part on the Globe. Are you going to change the color or name of TAIWAN?

Thank you for the reply

[REDACTED]



Media Relations <[Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk)>於 2019年6月13日 週四,上午10:21寫道:

Hi [REDACTED]

These are questions for the University of London and their Senate House Library

Many thanks,

Charlotte

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 12 June 2019 16:57

**To:** Media Relations

**Subject:** Re: About Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen's degree

Many thanks for your help. But I still have some questions  
Is it common for a thesis to be missing? Is Tsai's thesis the only case?  
Why the hard copy is missing? Is it lost when the library do the digitalize work or any other reasons?  
Do all the students need to submit their thesis to the library before they graduate?  
Is there any chance that Tsai didn't submit her thesis because she didn't need to at that time?

Looking forward to your reply. Thank you

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Media Relations <[Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk)> 於 2019年6月12日 週三 下午9:16寫道:

Please find a statement from LSE on this below:

**LSE spokesperson:**

*"The records of the University of London and London School of Economics and Political Science confirm Tsai Ing-Wen was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.*

*"Unfortunately, the LSE Library has never held a copy of Tsai Ing-Wen's thesis. All PhDs from that period were awarded via the University of London and would have been sent first to their Senate House Library.*

*"We have corresponded with the University of London about the thesis and extensive checks have been made. Senate House Library are presently unable to find their copy."*

/END

**As background**

I have attached a scan of the relevant entry in the LSE Calendar of 1985/86, which acts an official record of awards and degrees given to LSE students in 1984. This confirms Dr Tsai's PhD award at the time.

Many thanks,

Charlotte

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From: ■  
Sent: 11 June 2019 13:36  
To: Media Relations  
Subject: Fwd: About Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen's degree

Hello,

This is ■

President Tsai Ing-wen is a renowned graduate from LSE; however, the authenticity of her degree has become a big issue recently. It's because her thesis couldn't be found in LSE library.

According to the library assistant Ruth Orson, she said LSE has never had a copy of Tsai's thesis. She also said that LSE library, Senate House Library, and Institute of Advanced Legal Studies have searched extensively for this thesis and unfortunately it is missing.

The only copy can be found in British Library but we still didn't know who was her supervisor in that copy.

Is it common for a thesis to be "missing"? Is there another way to prove that Tsai is a real LSE graduate?

President Tsai Ing-wen is running for re-election and the clarification is really important.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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