

**From:** [O'Connor,D](#)  
**To:** [Wilson.Clive](#); [Thomson.MT](#); [Ross.LV](#)  
**Cc:** [Gajewska,M](#); [Adeyemi,R](#); [Directorate](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Tsai Ing-Wen's LSE PHD  
**Date:** 12 July 2019 12:04:58

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Many thanks Clive.

In that case I suggest most replies can go at the start of next week as we'll be able to say "a copy is available in the LSE library reading room."

Best wishes,

Danny

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**From:** Wilson,Clive  
**Sent:** 12 July 2019 12:03  
**To:** O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>; Thomson,MT <M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk>; Ross,LV <L.V.Ross@lse.ac.uk>  
**Cc:** Gajewska,M <M.Gajewska@lse.ac.uk>; Adeyemi,R <R.Adeyemi@lse.ac.uk>; Directorate <Directorate@lse.ac.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Tsai Ing-Wen's LSE PHD

Yes, I spoke to Laura on the phone yesterday and suggested any emails get redirected to myself and the press office – I'll reply to any 'routine' ones and leave 'official' ones for Danny, and check if not sure. If we copy each other in to our replies we shouldn't inadvertently miss one.

The copy has been catalogued but for system reasons will go live tomorrow (not sure that's great) – it should show that it's a 2019 copy of the 1983 original and there is a note to the effect of: "A photocopy of Ing-wen Tsai's personal copy of the original thesis presented to the Library in 2019."

hope that's ok

Clive

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**From:** O'Connor,D  
**Sent:** 12 July 2019 11:07  
**To:** Thomson,MT; Ross,LV  
**Cc:** Gajewska,M; Adeyemi,R; Directorate; Wilson,Clive  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Tsai Ing-Wen's LSE PHD

Dear all,

Thanks for flagging. Mark, I understand Clive has been responding to the enquiries that he has received with the text agreed with the media relations (as below).

We have added a line about the facsimile copy being available to view.

**Clive**, has this been catalogued yet?

Thanks,

Danny

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### **Agreed Text for enquiries**

Thank you for your email. 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 correctly awarded a PhD in Law 1984.

However, all PhDs from that period were awarded via the University of London and would have been sent first to their Senate House Library. It is clear from Senate House Library records that a copy was received. Senate House have confirmed they sent their copy of the thesis to the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (IALS).

We have corresponded with the University of London about the thesis and extensive checks have been made. Neither Senate House nor IALS are able to locate a copy of the thesis,

However, President Tsai Ing-wen's office recently provided the LSE Library with a facsimile copy of the thesis, *Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions*. This will be available to view in the library's reading room.

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**From:** Thomson,MT

**Sent:** 12 July 2019 10:51

**To:** Ross,LV <[L.V.Ross@lse.ac.uk](mailto:L.V.Ross@lse.ac.uk)>

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**Subject:** FW: Dr Tsai Ing-Wen's LSE PHD

Thanks Laura,

Thanks for these. Yes, am aware. All responses on this matter are being handled by the Press Office – cc'ing Danny.

All best,

MTT

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**From:** Ross,LV

**Sent:** 11 July 2019 08:57

**To:** Thomson,MT <[M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk](mailto:M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk)>

**Cc:** Gajewska,M <[M.Gajewska@lse.ac.uk](mailto:M.Gajewska@lse.ac.uk)>; Adeyemi,R <[R.Adeyemi@lse.ac.uk](mailto:R.Adeyemi@lse.ac.uk)>; Directorate <[Directorate@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Directorate@lse.ac.uk)>

**Subject:** Dr Tsai Ing-Wen's LSE PHD

Dear Mark,

We have received the attached emails about the PHD for Dr Tsai Ing-Wen who I believe is a candidate for the next Taiwanese presidency. Is this something that you're aware of? As you'll see, the emails have been sent directly to someone in the Library and I am waiting to hear from them about their course of action. Advice regarding a response would be much appreciated.

Fiona, I copy you so you're also aware.

Best,  
Laura

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