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**To:** [O'Connor,D](#); [Cerny,MW](#); [Wilson,Clive](#)  
**Cc:** [Thomson,MT](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FW: for truth and truth only, legitimately  
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Thanks, it's been sent. Kevin

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I suspect it will wind them up but I think that's all we can say.

Danny

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**From:** Cerny,MW  
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Totally happy with that.

Thanks,  
Marcus

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**From:** Haynes,KJ  
**Sent:** 03 October 2019 16:34  
**To:** Cerny,MW; Wilson,Clive; O'Connor,D

**Cc:** Thomson,MT

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Thanks, Clive, Danny, Marcus

Are you comfortable with the following response?

Dear [REDACTED]

*Thank you for your email. Dr Tsai's recently provided a facsimile copy of her thesis to LSE owing to its absence from our Library collection. We are unable to comment on the version that was sent to Taiwan's National Central Library.*

*Best wishes, Kevin*

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Dear Kevin,

We were very careful to avoid wording that suggested this was the copy submitted for examination or for final award. Those copies are lost and we have acknowledged that. Beyond that there is not much to say.

Thanks,  
Marcus

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**From:** Wilson,Clive

**Sent:** 02 October 2019 12:16

**To:** O'Connor,D; Haynes,KJ; Cerny,MW

**Cc:** Thomson,MT

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█ also emailed me about the 'restrictions' on the thesis – I pointed out (with a link) that they were no different to the restrictions on anyone viewing his thesis in the Bodleian ...

I'll probably take a look at both copies to satisfy my own curiosity now, but it won't be until tomorrow.

Clive

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**From:** O'Connor, D  
**Sent:** 02 October 2019 11:34  
**To:** Haynes, KJ; Cerny, MW  
**Cc:** Thomson, MT; Wilson, Clive  
**Subject:** RE: FW: for truth and truth only, legitimately

Hi Kevin,

I don't know. This is a question for her office. We were clear that we had **a facsimile of her copy** of the thesis.

(I think there were some missing pages from the copy we received from her office. Anyway, I don't think either copy is the final thesis submitted in 1984. It was always her personal copy from 2019).

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Hello Danny, Marcus

You'll see below that the academic from Tapei who had approached me about President Tsai's thesis has suggested that the published versions in our and Tapei's library are not identical. Have you had any conversations in this regard?

Best wishes, Kevin

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**From:** █  
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Dear Kevin,

I need to tell you the copy of Ms. Tsai's thesis in LSE's Women's Library and in Taiwan's National Central Library are not identical (Prof. Yung-tai Hsu, Ph.D. at the University of Oxford, wrote an article about this) -- could a final thesis have two different versions?

Thanks so much for your reply.

Best wishes,

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Haynes,KJ <[K.J.Haynes@lse.ac.uk](mailto:K.J.Haynes@lse.ac.uk)> 於 2019年10月1日 週二 下午11:51寫道:

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email of 1 October 2019. LSE and the University of London, of which LSE has been a member institution since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, can confirm that President Tsai successfully completed a PhD in Law in 1984. She recently provided the LSE Library with a copy of her thesis, entitled 'Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions'. We understand she has also provided Taiwan's National Central Library with a digital copy.

Best wishes, Kevin

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Dear Mr. Haynes,

This is ██████████

██████████. I do not write this email for my personal matter, but for some legal truth. Many young Ph.D.s in Taiwan like me are playing Sherlock Holmes to crack the mystery of President Ing-wen Tsai's LSE Ph.D. degree.

In this email, I attached a few Ms. Tsai's LSE documents (which she said provided by LSE). However, these documents did not solve people's doubts about her LSE certificate but aroused even more suspicion.

First of all, Ms. Tsai had three Ph.D. certificates that she obtained from 1984, 2010 and 2015 -- How come LSE issued her so many certificates at different times? Are they all legitimate? My second question is, some important documents are lacking signatures of

the persons in charge -- Are these documents coming from LSE? Without signatures, are they legitimate? (Attached documents are published by the President's spokesman on his FB and in a press conference.)

I am very sorry if this email is bothering you or LSE, but this matter has caused much disturbance in Taiwan's society in the past few months. Families and friends fought with each other or broke off relations because of this. It has become it is either LSE's fault (missing Ms. Tsai's thesis in three libraries, issuing documents without signatures, missing details between 1983-84 in the student record) or it is Ms. Tsai's fault (if she did not follow the right procedure to get her Ph.D. degree). How could she graduate without a principle supervisor after 1982 as shown in the student record? (It is said that her supervisor Mr. Michael Elliot left LSE in 1982.)

I am not in nature a political person. It is the first time that I care about a political issue so much because it is related to academic dignity and truth. I realize it is not an easy matter. All I can do is just writing this email.

Sincerely yours,

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