

From: [O'Connor,D](#)
To: [Kelloway,C](#)
Cc: [Metcalf,F](#)
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis
Date: 11 June 2019 15:10:00

Thanks Charlotte.

I've added a suggested background note if we can get a scan of the relevant page.

From: Kelloway,C
Sent: 11 June 2019 15:05
To: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>
Cc: Metcalfe,F <F.Metcalf@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Hi both,

I have adapted Clive's line. Please see below:

An LSE spokesperson said:

"LSE and University of London records confirm Tsai Ing-wen was 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 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 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.

Many thanks,
Charlotte

From: O'Connor,D
Sent: 11 June 2019 14:15
To: Cerny,MW; Graham1,N; Orson,R
Cc: Wilson,Clive; Lsethesonline; Metcalfe,F; Kelloway,C
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Thanks all.

I think we can use the text from Clive and add a line about official LSE and UoL records confirm she was awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

We may need to dig out a copy of the 1985/86 calendar and scan the relevant page as some 'proof'. Does anyone have this to hand?

Separately, Taiwan Central News agency have just been in touch about this as well.

Charlotte- using the above info and Clive's message below can you update the external line please?

Thank you for expressing an interest in this thesis. Unfortunately, LSE Library has never had a copy of this thesis. All PhDs from that period were awarded under the University of London banner and would have been sent first to Senate House Library. As you can appreciate there has been a lot of interest in Dr Tsai's thesis, we have been in correspondence with the University of London about it and extensive checks have been made. Unfortunately Senate House are unable to find their copy.

Thanks very much,

Danny

From: Cerny,MW
Sent: 11 June 2019 14:03
To: Graham1,N <N.Graham1@lse.ac.uk>; Orson,R <R.Orson@lse.ac.uk>
Cc: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>; Wilson,Clive <CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>; Lsethesonline <Lsethesonline@lse.ac.uk>
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Hi Nancy,

The examination went through the University of London procedures and we had the award confirmed from them with a March 1984 award date. It was recorded in the 1985/86 Calendar and is recorded in both on LSE and U of L records.

Thanks,
Marcus

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From: Graham1,N

Sent: 11 June 2019 13:58
To: Cerny,MW; Orson,R
Cc: O'Connor,D; Wilson,Clive; Lsethesesonline
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Hi all

My colleague Clive Wilson has sent out some advice on this very issue today. He's drafted the following text for anyone to use if they receive a query. Clive has asked that if you do receive a query and reply, to copy both him and LSE Theses Online in – lsethesesonline@lse.ac.uk

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I am sorry we cannot help further.

As regards the query from [REDACTED] about the examination and associated records, we assumed that this would rest with the department? I'm just wondering if there's anything within the Research Degrees Unit that officially states that the PhD was submitted and passed? Do your records go back that far?

Nancy

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From: Cerny,MW
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Cc: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>
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Dear Ruth, Nancy and Daniel,

Given that the current query appears to replicate a query we dealt with in 2015 I would assume that we should give the same response that we gave then. The problem is I'm not sure who sent it but the email from the University of London to Dimity in 2015 suggests it will have gone from the Library. Can we check on this?

If so can Daniel advise if the Library should just update and re-send this from the Library for the sake of consistency?

In terms of why the thesis is missing it seems that Senate House acknowledge having one thesis and sending to IALS. This can no longer be found. The theses that were said to be left at the LSE were presumably just never processed and there would not have been felt a need to do this. Examiners copies were sporadically returned to institutions post viva and were probably simply left in an office, either centrally or in the department, unless specifically requested. I would not have expected examiner copies used in the viva to be lodged in a library or retained formally at LSE.

The examination paperwork would have been stored by U of L.

Regards,
Marcus

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 June 2019 13:02
To: Cerny,MW
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Dear Marcus

Thank you for your email below. As explained in 2015 we do not have a copy of the PhD thesis in the Senate House Library and so are unable to help. I can confirm that we would have a copy

