

From: [O'Connor,D](#)
To: [Carter,HC](#)
Cc: [Media.Relations](#)
Subject: RE: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?
Date: 16 September 2019 09:54:00

Hi Harriet,

We can reply to this.

Thanks,

Danny

From: Carter,HC
Sent: 16 September 2019 08:55
To: Media.Relations <Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: FW: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?

Hello,

I received the below, and have another similar query in the past sent to comms for reply. Are you able to respond to this one? Please let me if you would like me to reply in any particular way.

Best wishes,
Harriet

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 September 2019 08:41
To: Carter,HC
Subject: Fwd: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?

Dear Madam,

Following my previous email message to you (attached below), I also enclose my university email address for your reference.

[REDACTED]

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

寄件者: [REDACTED]
Date: 2019年9月14日 週六 下午3:33

Subject: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?
To: <h.c.carter@lse.ac.uk>

Dear Mrs. Carter,

Sorry to bother you about the captioned issue on the possibility of LSE Law Department awarding a ph.d. in law without submission of a ph.d. thesis.

My name is [REDACTED]. I am currently visiting my hometown in Taipei. As there will be a presidential election held in January 2020, potential voters are careful in examining the candidates. The issue on incumbent president Tsai Ing-wen who is seeking for a 2nd term in the coming election, is whether or not LSE law department awarded her a ph.d. degree in 1984, as she spent less than two years (1982-83) with LSE law department, and her ph.d. thesis was missing from the U of London library.

As this issue is in relation to a candidate's integrity, many of us, as valid voters, would like to seek clarification from your department on this issue.

The article attached below entitled "Tsai Ing-wen's missing thesis was not submitted says university library" raised questions on why the Law Department awarded Tsai a ph.d. degree in law without receiving her ph.d. thesis?

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/07/04/tsai-ing-wens-missing-thesis-was-not-submitted-says-university-library/>

As this issue has also become a most talk-about issues on local TV programs here in Taiwan.

Would be grateful if you could help resolve this puzzle.
Any exceptional case could happen?

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]