

From: [Wilson,Clive](#)
To: [O'Connor,D](#)
Subject: RE: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?
Date: 07 October 2019 14:50:45
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Hi Danny

All of our theses, together with all unique or rare items, are housed within our Archives and Special Collections and can only be viewed in the Women's Library Reading Room. We are very proud to have named the reading room for the amazing collections that form the Women's Library but many other collections are also only viewable in that reading room: pamphlets, archived newspapers, papers and letters from many politicians, academics and organisations, maps, our extensive microfilm and fiche collections, to name but a few.

Feel free to rewrite that as you think appropriate !

Clive

From: O'Connor,D
Sent: 07 October 2019 09:37
To: Wilson,Clive
Subject: FW: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?

Hi Clive,

New conspiracy angle that it's housed in the Women's Library –.

I'm not sure if it's worth a response but do let me know if there is any particular angle you'd want to highlight.

Danny

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2019 09:11
To: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>
Cc: Media.Relations <Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk>; Carter,HC <H.C.Carter@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

I am writing in relation to the following statement of your response dated 16th of September:

... For your information, Dr Tsai Ing-wen recently provided the LSE Library with a facsimile copy

of the thesis, *Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions*. This is available to view in the LSE library reading room upon request.

Since it is not clear which LSE library you referred to that housed Ms. Tsai's thesis copy., I did some research and found it is housed at the LSE Women's Library.

I also found that Women's Library has been in the custody of the LSE, it is in fact not a formal LSE library that will house theses of LSE graduates.

For your information, below is a brief background information on the LSE Women's Library which was downloaded from Wikipedia:

" The **Women's Library @ LSE** is England's main library and museum resource on women and the [women's movement](#), concentrating on Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries. It has an institutional history as a coherent collection dating back to the mid-1920s, although its "core" collection dates from a library established by [Ruth Cavendish Bentinck](#) in 1909. Since 2013, the library has been in the custody of the [London School of Economics and Political Science](#) (LSE), which manages the collection as part of the [British Library of Political and Economic Science](#) in a dedicated area known as the Women's Library @ LSE."

In view of the nature of the collections the Women's Library under the custody of LSE, the copy on Tsai's thesis displayed in LSE Women's Library is unlikely the one submitted to the Law Department for the doctoral degree. The copy looks more like a personal collection. In addition, there were no signatures of the internal and external examiners.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 19:35
To: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>
Cc: Media.Relations <Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk>; h.c.carter@lse.ac.uk <h.c.carter@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

Thank you for your reply dated 16/09 my captioned query.

Having read your response, I have further questions which I will list below:

1. Why is it that Mrs. Carter from the Law Department cannot respond to me directly since it is obviously her job to know about Tsai's thesis in the Law Department.

2. Why should you in the Media/Communication Division respond to inquiries about LES's theses when it should be the responsibility of the relevant department such as the Law Department to do so where the theses are handled?

3. When was the copy of Tsai's thesis submitted? If it were in 1984, why there was no record of such; if it were in 2019, why?

4. Did LES award Tsai's degree based on the thesis in LES's Wemen's Library? If that is the case, then a whole series of questions raised by both Professor Lin of North Carolina and Dr. Xu, a ph.d. from Oxford U., can be asked as to why can LES accept a thesis like this-- sloppy format including different layout of the lines, corrections by hand, missing pages, no signatures of the advisers, etc.?

5. How can a thesis be without a conclusion at the end while in each chapter there is? Was this the common practice among the LES thesis awardees back in 1984?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: O'Connor, D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>

Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 16:59

To: ██████████

Cc: Media.Relations <Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Is it possible? To award a Ph.d. degree in Law without submission of the thesis?

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email to Ms Carter, I have been asked to respond.

As indicated to a number of enquirers, the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of London can confirm categorically that Tsai Ing-Wen completed and submitted her thesis and was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

For your information, Dr Tsai Ing-wen recently provided the LSE Library with a facsimile copy of the thesis, *Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions*. This is available to view in the LSE library reading room upon request.

Kind regards,

Daniel O'Connor

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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]
[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,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.