

**From:** [Cerny,MW](#)  
**To:** [O'Connor,D](#); [Wilson,Clive](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [Library Enquiries] PhD thesis search  
**Date:** 09 July 2019 13:33:00

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Thanks for keeping me up to date with this. I'm pretty relaxed about this given that there is no question that the thesis existed and was examined. Do people not think that if we were genuinely engaged in a conspiracy we'd have pretty certainly managed to come across a copy that had been misplaced on a shelf in one of the Libraries.

I think that the clarity we are showing in being open about the thesis being lost and the current copy being a recently submitted facsimile replacing the original demonstrates that there is no corruption or cover up.

Once a query becomes a circular correspondence (as one of mine did) I think it's fine to simply ignore after giving the formal response.

Thanks,  
Marcus

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**From:** O'Connor,D  
**Sent:** 09 July 2019 11:36  
**To:** Wilson,Clive; Cerny,MW  
**Subject:** Re: [Library Enquiries] PhD thesis search

Thanks Clive.

I would be amazed if the Guardian or NYT followed up with a story beyond a short, 'oops, how embarrassing that they lost her PhD'. If our records say she graduated they should take that as confirmation.

(Separately, "panda huggers" ! )

Danny

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**From:** Wilson,Clive

**Sent:** 09 July 2019 11:28:09  
**To:** Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D  
**Subject:** FW: [Library Enquiries] PhD thesis search

Dear Both

fyi – I'm chasing our making it available right now!!

Clive

**From:** LSE Library [<mailto:Library.enquiries@lse-uk.libanswers.com>]  
**Sent:** 09 July 2019 11:23  
**To:** Wilson,Clive  
**Subject:** [Library Enquiries] PhD thesis search

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**Hughes,CR**

Jul 09 2019, 11:23am via Email

Dear Clive

Thanks so much for this. It is an issue that is being dramatized and distorted for political reasons, so these steps should put the issue to rest.

All the best  
Chris

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**Clive Wilson**

Jul 09 2019, 11:21am via System

Dear Both

LSE has made it very clear that the thesis was submitted properly and that the degree could not have been awarded without it. (Some people should just learn how to read.)

I can probably say now that President Tsai has given us two facsimile copies of her thesis which we are trying to rush through to make them available. Due to excessive interest we will not digitise it, though researchers will be very welcome to request it in our Special Collections Reading Room.

best wishes

Clive

Clive Wilson

Enquiry Services Manager

LSE Library

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**Hughes,CR**

Jul 09 2019, 10:07am via Email

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for cc'ing me into this. It is incredibly frustrating for everybody, esp Pres Tsai. I guess the simple fact is that things do go missing, and given Tsai's high priority, it is certainly possible that someone or some organization with bad intentions has taken the thesis from the library. The fact that the LSE has recorded her as having been awarded the PhD should be enough to close down any allegations that she did not do one. As for quality, the LSE can only stand by the rigour of its examination procedures. Unless Pres Tsai has a copy of the thesis, then I don't see what anyone can do about this now.

Good to hear from you and keep in touch

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Jul 08 2019, 10:58pm via Email

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This is [REDACTED] again. I thought President Tsai's PhD thesis problem had been solved, but it rekindled again, as you may see from the four attached reports and email. It is almost getting out of hand.

The naysayers even use the Guardian report to throw the doubt about the existence and authenticity of Tsai's thesis. See docu #2. I hope this will not happen to Tsai. The best way now seems to me that the LSE finds her thesis committee members to get her thesis and relist/publish it and replace it in the LSE library. (My third book is forthcoming from World Scientific, I even can help her publish it with my commentary).

I think LSE should do something to clarify the thesis ASAP before the Guardian, NYT or Washington Post picks up the news story (it will be a sensational). It seems to me reputation of the LSE is at stake.

PS. I am cc to Professor Chris Hughes.

As for #4 about the English writing of Ma (or Tsai), if this is the concern of LSE, I don't think it should be the concern. As Wassily Leontief, a Harvard Professor and a Nobel Prize winner in Economics, once wrote in the introduction of his book, "American Sciences were advanced by broken English."

In fact, everybody knows two birds are plural, you don't need to add s to show it, or worry about the tense or articles. At least 6 billion of people speak Chinese and Japanese without using plural, tense and articles.

**Attached Files**

- [0Richardson\\_British\\_Library\\_Richardreversal\\_on\\_Tsai\\_Ing-wen's\\_phantom\\_thesis\\_deepens\\_mystery\\_of\\_missing\\_manuscript.pdf](#)
- [1Richardson\\_Tsai\\_Ing-wen's\\_missing\\_thesis\\_was\\_not\\_submitted\\_says\\_university\\_library\\_-\\_Richardson\\_Reports.pdf](#)
- [2Richardson\\_ltrr\\_to.pdf](#)
- [3Richardson\\_TIW\\_official\\_CV\\_fm\\_TGov.pdf](#)
- [4Richardson\\_Tsai\\_Ing-wen's\\_missing\\_doctoral\\_thesis\\_follows\\_Ma\\_Ying-jeou's\\_error-filled\\_thesis.pdf](#)

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**[Internal Note] Clive Wilson**

Jun 20 2019, 12:17pm via System

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Jun 11 2019, 11:56am via System

Dear [REDACTED]

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, over the last few years there has been a lot of interest in Dr Tsai's thesis and we have been in correspondence with the University of London about it and extensive searches made. Unfortunately Senate House are unable to find their copy.

I am sorry we cannot help further

yours sincerely

Clive

Clive Wilson

Enquiry Services Manager

LSE Library

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### [Internal Note] Sarah Hayward

Jun 11 2019, 10:55am via System

Hi

Please can you assist with this thesis enquiry?

Please copy us in your reply

Thanks

Sarah

[Status changed to *Pending*.]

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### Original Question

Jun 11 2019, 06:22am via Email

PhD thesis search

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is [REDACTED] I beg your pardon to writing to you.

I am looking for the LSE thesis as follows. I could not find any title in the PhD thesis section in your library. There are only three PhD thesis in 1984 but none of them has the following title.

Could you kindly direct me to access the thesis?

The ethos indicate that it is a "restricted access." May I ask why is it restricted?

Your early response will be greatly appreciated.

[REDACTED]

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Title: Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions

Author: Tsai, Ing-Wen

Awarding Body: London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London)

Current

Institution:

London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London)

Date of Award: 1984

Availability of Full

Text: Full text unavailable from ETHOS. Restricted access.

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