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**Subject:** RE: Request for information  
**Date:** 03 October 2019 10:25:46  
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I'll check the file later today and see what information we actually have – as this is a University of London degree.

Sue

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Thanks Rachael.

I am minded to say that a lot of this information is restricted under Data protection...but – as you suggest - it may be that Tsai herself wants the information to come out.

Danny

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Hello Sue,

My comments are below.

Rachael

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Dear all,

(See below) This individual is one of the main characters stirring up this story.

His blog is effectively the main English-language outlet for the conspiracy theory.

While I don't want to keep doing a back-and-forth can we answer these questions in a dry factual way (if data protection etc allows).

(We may be able to put this to our FOI team as well go be clear on the 20 day response time).

Danny

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 2 October 2019 at 23:56:14 BST  
**To:** [j.winterstein@lse.ac.uk](mailto:j.winterstein@lse.ac.uk)  
**Subject:** Request for information

I am working on an article about the controversy surrounding Republic of China in-exile President Tsai Ing-wen's LSE graduate thesis. Ms. Tsai filed her 1984 thesis with the LSE Library in 2019 and that has generated much public interest in Taiwan. The name of the thesis is "Unfair Trade Practices and Safeguard Actions."

My questions, for publication, are:

- 1) What is the name and degree of Tsai Ing-wen's LSE Advisor? – As he is deceased, this is no longer covered by data protection, so can be released.
- 2) What are the names of the thesis Examiners? - We normally do not release examiner names under any circumstances. However, considering the situation, it's whether there would be any harm to the examiners from releasing this information. If they are deceased, it's the same situation as for the supervisor. If they are retired, there is unlikely to be any harm to their careers, but intense media interest could come their way. If they are still

working, there could be potential harm to their careers due to intense media interest. To summarise, assuming we hold this info and not UoL, if the examiners are dead – release the names. If they are not – don't release the names as this could bring them under media interest that would be out of all proportion to the role they played. This would fit under the Section 40(2) exemption.

3) What is the date of the thesis oral review? – Could be released, it's personal data but it is in Ms Tsai's interests that we confirm the review.

4) What is the date of the Examiner's signatures of approval? - Could be released, it's personal data but it is in Ms Tsai's interests that we confirm the approval.

If you are not the correct person to handle this information request please forward to the appropriate individual.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

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