

**From:** [Thomson,MT](#)  
**To:** [Cerny,MW](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Responsibilities  
**Date:** 07 October 2019 15:50:27

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Sounds good.

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**From:** Cerny,MW  
**Sent:** 07 October 2019 15:48  
**To:** Thomson,MT <M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk>  
**Subject:** Responsibilities

Dear Mark,

Before I send the following to Simon Hix and Louse Nadal could you check whether you agree that this is a fair reflection of how the responsibilities would work now between PhD Academy and you (3<sup>rd</sup> Para).

Thanks,  
Marcus

Dear Simon and Louise (cc Rita,

This was initially reviewed by Simeon Underwood in 2015. I have read the file and Simeon's was satisfied after reviewing the file. I took the line that I was not interested in re-opening a question that had been answered before my arrival but, for what it's worth, I have read through the electronic version of the file and agree with Simeon.

Along with various colleagues Media Relations have drafted responses to queries as things develop. The latest of these is copied below along with an example of a previous template but I understand that a catch all statement is being drafted for the website today. We will then refer enquiries to this as it is taking up a lot of many people's time.

Sue Donnelly has the student file. Danny O'Connor has been dealing with this on behalf of Media Relations. Clive Wilson has been involved in discussions from the Library perspective and Kevin Haynes for the Legal Team. Mark Thomson has been kept up to date as and when relevant as Academic Registrar and Simeon's successor. The responsibility for this is probably shared between myself (who would take on the role Simeon's undertook initially were it such a situation to arise now for a PhD) and Mark who is Simeon's successor and has overall responsibility for such matters across all registrations/awards.

Thanks,  
Marcus

### Current stock response

Dear ██████

Thank you for your email. As indicated to a number of enquirers, the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of London can confirm that Tsai Ing-Wen completed and was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

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,

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### Previous response template

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email which has been forwarded to me for response. We have checked our records and both the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of London confirm that Tsai Ing-Wen was correctly awarded a PhD in Law 1984.

However, all PhDs from that period were awarded via the University of London and would have been sent first to their Senate House Library. It is clear from Senate House Library records that a copy was received. Senate House have confirmed they sent their copy of the thesis to the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (IALS).

We have corresponded with the University of London about the thesis and extensive checks have been made. Neither Senate House nor IALS are able to locate a copy of the thesis.

Separately, President 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 library's reading room.

Kinds regards,

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