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That looks good to me. Maybe the BL stuff will confuse things so just stick to the Senate House line.

**Fiona**, we can have a quick chat about this when you're in.

Danny

### **Press response**

#### **LSE spokesperson:**

"The records of the University of London and London School of Economics and Political Science confirm Tsai Ing-Wen was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

"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 Senate House received a copy of the thesis as it appears on their catalogue. ~~from there to the British Library catalogue.~~

"We have corresponded with the University of London about the thesis and extensive checks have been made. Senate House Library are presently unable to find their copy."

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#### **As background**

I have attached a scan of the relevant entry in the LSE Calendar of 1985/86, which acts an official record of awards and degrees given to LSE students in 1984. This confirms Dr Tsai's PhD award at the time.

### **General response:**

Thank you for your email. 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 Senate House received a copy of the thesis as it appears on their catalogue. ~~the British Library catalogue~~

We have been in correspondence with the University of London about the thesis and extensive checks have been made. Unfortunately, Senate House are presently unable to find their copy.

Kinds regards,

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