

From: [O'Connor,D](#)
To: [Kendrick,C](#); [Alumni](#)
Cc: [Langlands,CR](#)
Subject: RE: query regarding a PhD candidate - 1984
Date: 05 August 2019 15:09:00

Thanks both.

Both the library and media relations have had many exchanges with [REDACTED] on this topic.

He does not appear to be acting in good faith in any of his correspondence.

I suggest you reply with the following:

“Thank you for your message.

I have checked with colleagues who have confirmed that Tsai Ing-Wen was correctly awarded a PhD in Law 1984.

Kind regards”

From: Kendrick,C
Sent: 05 August 2019 14:08
To: Alumni <Alumni@lse.ac.uk>; O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>
Cc: Langlands,CR <C.R.Langlands@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: query regarding a PhD candidate - 1984

Hi Jessie

Please don't reply yet as this needs directing through Media Relations first.

Danny – please see below.

Thanks

Chris

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From: Alumni <Alumni@lse.ac.uk>
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Subject: FW: query regarding a PhD candidate - 1984

Hi Chris,

This an enquiry in relation to confirming the President of Taiwan's PhD and there seems to be something odd in relation to her thesis. I'm happy to get in touch confirming her PhD but as she is a public figure is there anything else that I should know/include?

I've checked her record and can see that she completed her PhD in 1984.

Kind regards,
Jessie

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From: Carter,HC <H.C.Carter@lse.ac.uk>
Sent: 05 August 2019 13:56
To: Bartholomew,JC <J.C.Bartholomew@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: query regarding a PhD candidate - 1984

Dear Jessica,

We have received the enquiry below – are you able to help? If I can confirm that the person in question did complete their PhD and is in our alumni list that seems to be the main question. As to the PhD being available to view, I assume that would be a matter for the library. Given this is a high profile individual, I wondered if your office had any information on this that would be helpful?

Best wishes,
Harriet

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2019 02:09
To: Gulati10,S <S.Gulati10@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: LSE Law Centenary

Dear Mr. Rishi:

I hope this email finds you well, and please pardon me for my curious inquiry. I wonder if you can kindly check whether or not Ms. Ing-Wen Tsai earned a PhD in law in 1984 from LSE. For your information, Ms. Ing-Wen Tsai is President of Republic China (Taiwan), and her so-called thesis is titled "Unfair Trade Practices and Safeguard Actions" (1984). I suppose she should be in your list of LSE Law Centenary if she truly earned a PhD in law from LSE. However, she is not on the list.

The reason that I made this inquiry is that Ms. Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis had been unsearchable in your LSE thesis-search system for the past 35 years. It's actually been unavailable according to what a LSE librarian told me (both in physical and digital forms) in each of the three places: Senate House Library, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library, and LSE library. Recently and suddenly, the PhD thesis was uploaded to your LSE search system on July 13, 2019. However, this 35-year old thesis is unusually placed on "restricted access." So that nobody is allowed to download, copy, or cite it without the consent of the author Ing-Wen Tsai according to a LSE library staff who I contacted. This is bizarre to me, as I am a scholar from the United States.

So, I am so curious whether Ms. Ing-Wen Tsai truly ever earned a PhD in law from LSE in 1984.

Kind regards,

