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**To:** [Media.Relations](#)  
**Subject:** Re: About Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen's degree  
**Date:** 23 July 2019 10:07:26

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Hi Peter,

I think Clive can respond to this one, as it's really a practical question about seeing the thesis.

Thanks,

Danny

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**Sent:** 23 July 2019 10:04:00  
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Hi Danny,

Another enquiry about the thesis. I can respond if you have the latest statement on this?

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 July 2019 01:21  
**To:** Media.Relations  
**Subject:** Re: About Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen's degree

Hi,

Sorry to bother you again. I learned that the thesis of President Tsai will be sent to your

library recently.  
Do you have more details about it?  
Can anyone check the thesis or do they need special permission?  
Thank you.

Best regards.



Media.Relations <[Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Media.Relations@lse.ac.uk)> 於 2019年6月12日 週三 下午2:16寫道:

Hi ,

Please find a statement from LSE on this below:

**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.*

*"Unfortunately, the LSE Library has never held a copy of Tsai Ing-Wen's thesis. All PhDs from that period were awarded via the University of London and would have been sent first to their Senate House Library.*

*"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.

Many thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 June 2019 13:36  
**To:** Media.Relations  
**Subject:** Fwd: About Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen's degree

Hello,

This is [REDACTED].

President Tsai Ing-wen is a renowned graduate from LSE; however, the authenticity of her degree has become a big issue recently. It's because her thesis couldn't be found in LSE library.

According to the library assistant Ruth Orson, she said LSE has never had a copy of Tsai's thesis. She also said that LSE library, Senate House Library, and Institute of Advanced Legal Studies have searched extensively for this thesis and unfortunately it is missing.

The only copy can be found in British Library but we still didn't know who was her supervisor in that copy.

Is it common for a thesis to be "missing"? Is there another way to prove that Tsai is a real LSE graduate?

President Tsai Ing-wen is running for re-election and the clarification is really important.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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