

**From:** [Thomson.MT](#)  
**To:** [O'Connor.D](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Degree from LSE  
**Date:** 30 August 2019 09:26:46

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Perfect, thanks Danny.

I'll prepare my testimony....

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 Aug 2019, at 09:23, O'Connor,D <[D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk](mailto:D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk)> wrote:

Good morning Mark.

This will be in relation to this story

**Tsai to take legal action over academic credentials accusations**  
<http://focustaiwan.tw/news/aip/201908290010.aspx>

While we don't have a set reply to this exact enquiry, we can adapt the previous line, as below.

Thank you for your enquiry. 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.

In answer to your first query, it is not possible to obtain a PhD from LSE without the relevant academic requirements.

Best wishes,

Danny

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**From:** Thomson,MT  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 08:06  
**To:** O'Connor,D <[D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk](mailto:D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: Degree from LSE

Morning Danny,

Hope this note finds you well. Could you please send me the text we use in response to notes like this. Sorry that I keep having to ask!

All best,

MTT

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 03:27  
**To:** Thomson,MT <[M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk](mailto:M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** Degree from LSE

Dear Mr. Thomson

I am writing LSE in order to make an inquiry if the academic degree of Ph.D. from LSE could be bought or obtained by otherwise means apart from some prescribed requirements?

As you might have been aware that political conflicts in Taiwan have led some to question about the the validity of the academic degree of incumbent Taiwanese president Tsai received from LSE. It seems to imply LSE conspired with Tsai to grant her the degree by dishonorable manipulations. That, in turns, has also cast doubts among Taiwanese about the credibility of LSE in awarding academic degrees.

Please pass the message to pertinent authorities of LSE to make the needed clarification.

Best regards

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