

From: [Orson,R](#)
To: [Wilson,Clive](#); [O'Connor,D](#)
Cc: [Cerny,MW](#); [Metcalf,F](#); [Kelloway,C](#)
Subject: Re: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis
Date: 11 June 2019 22:08:25

I will not be in the office tomorrow but I would like to know what Nicola and Martin's response to this situation is as soon as possible tomorrow morning.

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To: O'Connor,D
Cc: Cerny,MW; Metcalfe,F; Kelloway,C; Graham1,N; Orson,R; Lsethesonline
Subject: Re: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

I've just sent two very polite holding replies although Professor [REDACTED] chasing is bordering on the rude - although I do appreciate how important the issue is.

Dr Shih is going to come in to see me in the morning at 10. I'll leave a proper reply to the emails until I have spoken to her - but of course happy for anyone to join us.

Clive

From: O'Connor,D
Sent: 11 June 2019 19:54
To: Wilson,Clive
Cc: Cerny,MW; Metcalfe,F; Kelloway,C; Graham1,N; Orson,R; Lsethesonline
Subject: Re: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Thanks for this, Clive. Useful to know.

Ruth do forward on any further letters and we can collate and reply from central LSE accounts

Danny

On 11 Jun 2019, at 17:39, Wilson,Clive <CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk> wrote:

Hi All

just had a chat with Dr Fang-Long Shih in the LSE Taiwan Research Programme who is a supporter of Dr Tsai.

Apparently the Taiwan press and the opposition party are trying to relate this to the incident over Saif gaddafi and the Libyan donation.

Supporters of Dr Tsai are therefore very keen to be able to prove that the degree was awarded correctly/successfully and may be able to get permission from Dr Tsai to release more information from her record as appropriate.

And the Calendar is a public document that anyone from outside LSE can request to view through our archives so there is no DP/GDPR issue.

Clive

From: Cerny,MW
Sent: 11 June 2019 17:15
To: O'Connor,D; Metcalfe,F; Kelloway,C; Wilson,Clive; Graham1,N; Orson,R
Cc: Lsethesesonline
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

My opinion is we should leave it in. We should look like we're pretending to have had nothing to do with this and she is an LSE alumnus (we trumpeted as much ourselves when she got elected).

Thanks,
Marcus

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From: O'Connor,D
Sent: 11 June 2019 17:09
To: Metcalfe,F; Kelloway,C; Wilson,Clive; Graham1,N; Cerny,MW; Orson,R
Cc: Lsethesesonline
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Thanks. As we're sharing one of LSE's records (the Calendar) I think we should probably leave it in.

(Can switch it around to 'UoL and LSE' though).

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From: Metcalfe,F
Sent: 11 June 2019 17:07
To: Kelloway,C <C.Kelloway@lse.ac.uk>; O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>; Wilson,Clive <CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>; Graham1,N <N.Graham1@lse.ac.uk>; Cerny,MW

<M.W.Cerny@lse.ac.uk>; Orson,R <R.Orson@lse.ac.uk>

Cc: Lsethesesonline <Lsethesesonline@lse.ac.uk>

Subject: Re: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Looks good to me. You could lose LSE from the first line putting the ownership firmly in UoL court but is that overkill?

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From: Kelloway,C <c.kelloway@lse.ac.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:49 PM

To: O'Connor,D; Wilson,Clive; Graham1,N; Cerny,MW; Orson,R

Cc: Lsethesesonline; Metcalfe,F

Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Hi all,

We have put together a reply to Hwan and a media statement for any press requests we get about this. Please find these below.

We can send the reply to [REDACTED] (with the library copied in) as it seems this story is starting to spread into the media from sources such as Hwan.

Just one question on the scan of the calendar – does anyone know if sharing this document with external parties will raise any data protection/GDPR issues?

Letter:

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence, I have been asked to respond with some more information.

Further to your remarks, the records of both the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of London confirm that Tsai Ing-Wen was awarded a PhD in Law 1984. For your interest, I have attached a scan of a relevant entry in the 'LSE Calendar' of 1985/86, which is an official public record of awards and degrees given to LSE students for the previous year.

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

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

[Given these circumstances, it may be worth contacting Dr Tsai's office for detail of the thesis, if she still has a copy]. [optional?]

Kind regards

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Media Statement:

An LSE spokesperson said:

“LSE and University of London records confirm Tsai Ing-wen was 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.”

/END

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.

Many thanks,
Charlotte

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From: O'Connor,D
Sent: 11 June 2019 15:20
To: Wilson,Clive; Graham1,N; Cerny,MW; Orson,R
Cc: Lsethesonline; Metcalfe,F; Kelloway,C
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai’s PhD thesis

Thanks for this Clive.

We're just putting together a version of the response for press/ other external parties.

Separately, we will also retrieve a scan of the relevant 1985/86 calendar page. It's not exactly a smoking gun but might be useful if we start getting more hassle for proof.

I'll ask the School Secretary's office in the first instance...as I imagine they have them to hand.

Thanks,

Danny

From: Wilson,Clive
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Cc: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>; Lsethesesonline <Lsethesesonline@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: RE: Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis

Hi All

yes, I dealt with this for the Library first time around.

Simeon Underwood who was Academic Registrar at the time had the student record retrieved and stated he was satisfied that the degree was correctly awarded (copied below)

It was also decided that all information relating to supervisor, thesis committee and the oral defense committee, etc could not be released without Dr Tsai's permission.

Nancy's copied our standard reply below, which I have already tweaked slightly to make current. Simeon's instruction also was that anyone pursuing further should be referred to Lorraine. I believe Mark Thomson was also happy with this approach (as he took over directly from Simeon)

happy to try to answer any further questions about what we did if I can.

Clive

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