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**Subject:** Re: PhD Thesis by Ing-Wen Tsai  
**Date:** 11 June 2019 14:48:54

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Dear Marcus and colleagues,

So, where exactly are we with this? I'm losing track I'm afraid. I.e. Are we able to confirm that she was awarded the PhD according to all the correct procedures, but we just can't locate a physical copy of the thesis. Is that right?

Best,  
Simon

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**From:** "Cerny,MW" <M.W.Cerny@lse.ac.uk>  
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Update on the thesis of Ing-Wen Tsai below.

Thanks,  
Marcus

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**From:** Cerny,MW  
**Sent:** 11 June 2019 10:54  
**To:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: PhD Thesis by Ing-Wen Tsai

Dear Fiona,

I have asked the department what information they have. In terms of award, this was dealt with by Senate House (as a U of L award) and they would have been responsible for the deposit of the thesis and the paperwork. I am also following up with them but the U of L research degrees office shut some time ago and I'm not sure what they would provide other than stating the award date and that the thesis was not submitted to the Library.

I flag here that a [REDACTED] is outright querying whether the thesis existed (copied below) so I would like advice on the response once I have info from the

department and the U of L. While I will defer this to the U of L in terms of responsibility at that time I think we will need to respond to this suggestion as LSE. The reputational issues from this suggestion would be borne by LSE, not the U of L.

Thanks,  
Marcus

Dear Ruth:

Very sorry to keep bothering you on the PhD thesis matter. Here are some more questions. You said Tsai's thesis is missing from three separate places, but the libraries there should at least keep some information like the thesis's abstract and its advisor or director who directed Tsai's research. How come such important information is also missing? Or the truth is simply that the thesis has never existed, isn't it? I would greatly appreciate your thoughts on these questions.

Best regards,



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**From:** Metcalfe,F  
**Sent:** 07 June 2019 17:25  
**To:** Cerny,MW  
**Subject:** Re: PhD Thesis by Ing-Wen Tsai

Dear Marcus,

I'm not aware that we have had any enquires on this issue? How strange that it can't be found.

What do the library advise?

Could her department help?

Please let me know

Fiona

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**From:** Cerny,MW  
**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2019 3:37:24 PM  
**To:** Metcalfe,F  
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Dear Fiona,

Could you or a member of your team advise on this? I would expect that there may have been queries in other parts of the School following Tsai's election as President of Republic of China and we may get more queries on this.

I am unable to answer as to why the thesis is unavailable and if the thesis is not held in either Senate House or LSE Libraries I cannot see any chance of there being any other version of it elsewhere.

The email trail between the Library and the enquirer is attached.

Thanks,  
Marcus

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Hello,

I have been looking for a PhD thesis by Ing-Wen Tsai, a alumna of LSE. Her thesis is titled "Unfair Trade Practices and Safeguard Actions" (1984), as cited in the following link.

<https://ethos.bl.uk/OrderDetails.do?uin=uk.bl.ethos.652034>

I checked with the LSE library, but I was told that the library has never carried the above-cited thesis. This confused me.

So, if possible, could you please kindly check your thesis-deposit record and let me know whether or not Tsai's PhD thesis was submitted in 1984 as a final copy as required, and whether LSE did award a PhD degree to Ing-Wen Tsai in 1984 according to your record.

Looking forward to your kind reply and thank you very much for your valuable time.

Best regards,

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