

**From:** [Adeyemi,R](#)  
**To:** [Thomson,MT](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Date:** 24 June 2019 09:43:37  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]  
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**Sensitivity:** Confidential

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FYI – please see summary below and student record attached.

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**From:** Wilson,Clive  
**Sent:** 24 June 2019 09:38  
**To:** Adeyemi,R  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Hi Remi

as follows – I've also attached a summary of Ing-Wen Tsai's students record.

Clive

On the 4<sup>th</sup> June (2019) a junior colleague sent our standard text to a US professor. He shared the text with some of his colleagues and suddenly it makes the Taiwanese news – with our member of staff's name attached. After several representations (about a week), her name was removed.

We have since had at least 22 requests that I am aware of: most of have come directly to the Library as it's a thesis (but to several departments here), but they have also gone to registry, the PhD Academy, Minouche ...

We have been replying with:

Thank you for your email. 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 awarded a PhD in Law 1984.

However, 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. Unfortunately, Senate House are presently unable to find their copy.

Most of the people have come back with further questions.

The issue of course is that we were never able to find a copy of her thesis. When she first stood for office in 2015, it blew over fairly quickly. Now she has stood for (and won) her party's nomination to run again with the elections in January it seems to have become much more of a story.

[REDACTED] at UL confirmed in 2015 that 3 copies were submitted.

Senate House and IALS lost one copy between them, but not before it was catalogued and so it is listed in all the places you would expect to see a thesis listed. The external examiner left his copy with the supervisor (Michael Elliott). Michael Elliott appears to have been away from LSE in the last year of her PhD (sabbatical?) and subsequently left LSE in 1984 to join the Economist having left instructions to pass them on. Clearly this never happened.

[REDACTED]

Fang-long Shih in the Taiwan Research Programme put me in touch with President Tsai's office and she sent copies of her title page and the acknowledgments page. We have been promised a full copy.

Our current reply confirms that the degree was awarded in 1984 but the non-existence of the thesis invites further questions. Her supervisor being the main one – Michael Elliott passed away in 2016.

The question – to me – is whether we continue to straight bat further queries which will hopefully go away if we receive a copy and make it available like all other print theses, or whether we release additional information to answer some of the questions people are asking.

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**From:** Adeyemi,R  
**Sent:** 24 June 2019 08:56  
**To:** Wilson,Clive  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Morning Clive,

If would be great if you could forward a summary to Mark ahead of today's meeting.

Kind regards,

Remi

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**From:** Wilson,Clive  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 16:37  
**To:** Adeyemi,R  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Thanks Remi

do you think Mark would like a summary before the meeting rather than plough through the emails?

Clive

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**From:** Adeyemi,R  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 13:59  
**To:** Cerny,MW; Wilson,Clive; Kelloway,C; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Thanks to everyone for responding, would you like me to book a meeting room for 11am on Monday.

Regards,

Remi

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**From:** Cerny,MW  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 13:17  
**To:** Wilson,Clive; Kelloway,C; Adeyemi,R; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Hi there. 11a-12pm and 3pm-4pm are good for me.

Thanks  
Marcus

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**From:** Wilson,Clive  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 12:38  
**To:** Kelloway,C; Adeyemi,R; Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Any of those are good for me 😊.

Clive

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**From:** Kelloway,C  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 12:33  
**To:** Adeyemi,R; Wilson,Clive; Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Thanks Remi. I can do anytime between 11am and 1.45pm or 3pm to 4pm.

Danny O'Connor is out of the office today but I'll check if he can make it also on Monday. If not, I can I can pass on any comments.

Many thanks,  
Charlotte

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**From:** Adeyemi,R  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 12:15  
**To:** Kelloway,C; Wilson,Clive; Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Dear All,

Mark's availability on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June are as follows:-

- 9am – 10am
- Anytime between 11am to 1.45pm
- 3pm to 4pm

Kind regards,

**Remi Adeyemi**

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**From:** Thomson,MT  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 11:58  
**To:** Kelloway,C; Wilson,Clive; Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F; Adeyemi,R  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Colleagues, greetings

I would welcome the chance to meet to be brought up to speed on what the issue is here (I confess I have not had a chance to review the long sets of correspondence).

I could do 30 minutes on Monday – my colleague Remi (cc'd) can advise on precise timings.

All best,

MTT

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**From:** Kelloway,C  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 11:37  
**To:** Wilson,Clive <[CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk](mailto:CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk)>; Cerny,MW <[M.W.Cerny@lse.ac.uk](mailto:M.W.Cerny@lse.ac.uk)>; O'Connor,D <[D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk](mailto:D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk)>; Graham1,N <[N.Graham1@lse.ac.uk](mailto:N.Graham1@lse.ac.uk)>; Thomson,MT <[M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk](mailto:M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk)>  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F <[F.Metcalfe@lse.ac.uk](mailto:F.Metcalfe@lse.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Hi Clive and Marcus,

I agree it would be good for us all to meet about this to discuss next steps.



Would some time on Monday work?

Many thanks,

Charlotte

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**From:** Wilson,Clive  
**Sent:** 21 June 2019 10:38  
**To:** Cerny,MW; Kelloway,C; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N; Thomson,MT  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Thanks Marcus

I feel this is one of those times it would be easier for us all to get together!

I understand the need for caution but she did win her party nomination and the elections are in January so this could run for a bit yet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I was introduced to her office by Fang-long and already have permission from her office to release her information as appropriate. If an amended release would be helpful – both to us and to her – we could therefore seek specific permission on that statement. (And I asked Info Sec to confirm that it was her office.)

I would completely agree that I'm not the person to decide what we might release or to whom. I hope it was clear mine was just a suggestion 😊 . I am hoping that if we do receive the promised copy that will kill most of the speculation but then Mike Elliott's name as well as Brian Hindley and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will get out there anyway.

Clive

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**From:** Cerny,MW  
**Sent:** 20 June 2019 16:50  
**To:** Wilson,Clive; Kelloway,C; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N; Thomson,MT  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Dear Clive,

Thanks for this.

I am a bit concerned about providing details about a registration, examination and processes to third parties. I would not release information for any candidates without their approval and even then it would be limited to registration dates and award details.

I understand that this case needs additional consideration because of the public interest aspect but I still feel the need for caution about what we should and shouldn't release. Other than what is in the public domain I would not discuss information with a third party about any current student or a graduate. I believe that these would be matters for them to respond to and would be of the opinion that a review of the file was undertaken by Simeon as the Academic Registrar in 2015 which concluded that he was satisfied that there was not an issue of the registration or award being in any way questionable. I am not sure it is appropriate to enter into discussion about this other than to confirm the award and that LSE is satisfied with this.

I've copied to Mark Thomson as his predecessor was the last person to review the file formally. It may be that either he or I should review this to make sure that any dates we are discussing are definitively correct. What we might release and to whom is a separate discussion but I would be more comfortable discussing this knowing we definitely had the correct timeline.

My main question now is who decides what we release and to whom?

Thanks,  
Marcus

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**From:** Wilson,Clive  
**Sent:** 20 June 2019 15:01  
**To:** Kelloway,C; Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Hi everyone

my experience so far is that about 70% of the enquirers come back with further questions.

I've been through the student record and back through all the mails I had from [REDACTED] at UL and have written the attached summary. I've highlighted in red what I think could possibly make an amended standard reply if we want to do that. It would certainly answer most of the

subsequent questions I've had and could probably be done without seeking further advice.

Everything in black I would assume should remain confidential and I might be pushing it by circulating to all of you. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

And if we do get a copy of the thesis – Fang-long said she would chase it – a line could be added to the effect that it was now available to view in the Women's Library Reading Room at the British Library of Political & Economic Science.

thoughts?

thanks

Clive

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**From:** Kelloway,C  
**Sent:** 17 June 2019 16:59  
**To:** Cerny,MW; Wilson,Clive; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Dear Marcus,

OK – thanks. Yes, happy for you to respond to these with the standard response.

We just ask that you forward any queries from journalists or media outlets to us as we'll respond to these.

Many thanks,

Charlotte

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**From:** Cerny,MW  
**Sent:** 17 June 2019 16:51  
**To:** Kelloway,C; Wilson,Clive; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Dear Charlotte,

We have just received another query seeking the thesis in the PhD Academy but I am intending to simply reply with the standard response. I am assuming that we are not needing to refer these on for response from a single point but please could you confirm.



I have asked for all queries either here or in the Law department to be forwarded to me but I expect that the Library is the standard point of contact for external enquirers requesting a thesis.

Regards,  
Marcus

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**From:** Kelloway,C  
**Sent:** 17 June 2019 16:40  
**To:** Wilson,Clive; Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N  
**Cc:** Metcalfe,F  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Hi Clive,

Thank you very much for this and for keeping us updated.

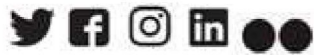
It's great to have these ready if we continue to get persistent enquiries. We have replied to [REDACTED] and he has acknowledged receipt of our email. Are you still getting an influx of emails on this to the library account or is it starting to die down?

I agree. I think it would be a good idea to contact [REDACTED] and make him aware of the situation in case he starts to get enquiries. We're happy to do this from the press office?

Many thanks,  
Charlotte

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**From:** Wilson,Clive  
**Sent:** 17 June 2019 16:16  
**To:** Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N; Kelloway,C  
**Subject:** RE: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Hi everyone

sorry – me again!

After discussion with Rachel Maguire, Sue Donnelly sent me a copy of Tsai Ing-Wen's student file but with the caveat I can't even share it internally without Dr Tsai's further permission.

I have copied two pages from it though and, as I have permission from her office, I think these could be released if it was thought they would be helpful.

[REDACTED]

Clive

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**From:** Wilson,Clive  
**Sent:** 17 June 2019 11:18  
**To:** Cerny,MW; O'Connor,D; Graham1,N; Kelloway,C  
**Subject:** FW: Greetings from the Presidential office of Taiwan

Dear All

we have been sent the title and acknowledgement page (attached) of the thesis from President Tsai's office with the promise we will receive a complete copy later this week. .

Not sure how much these help at the moment although it clearly confirms who her supervisor was. Michael J Elliott passed away in 2016.

<https://www.weforum.org/people/michael-j-elliott>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael\\_J.\\_Elliott](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_J._Elliott)

Also thanked:

Brian Hindley (LSE) passed away in 2012:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/newsletters/pressAndInformation/staffNews/2012/20120614.htm>

However, the Michael Elliott links show he left LSE for the Economist in 1984. This fits with what [REDACTED] from UL sent us (copied again below) that Mr Elliott left both copies with LSE asking LSE to return them to Senate House. It's only circumstantial evidence but one could easily see them being left in his office and that being cleared out ...

I also wonder whether it's worth contacting [REDACTED] to let him know of the interest. Even if we only ever make the print copy available through the archives reading room, his name is still likely to 'get out there'

Clive

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2015 15:13  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Wilson, Clive; Lsethesonline  
**Subject:** RE: PhD LSE Law Thesis 1984  
**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED]

My colleague has now retrieved the file on this student from our Archive Storage. From this I can see the history of chasing for copies of the thesis both by the Research Degrees Examinations office at Senate House and enquiries from Senate House Library too. In 2011 the SHL confirmed that it sent a copy of the thesis to the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies. At that time, [REDACTED] established that IALS no longer had a copy of the said thesis.

The Research Degrees Examinations office had also chased both examiners (appointed for the PD examination) and the supervisor (Mr M J Elliott) for the return of the copies of the thesis. Apparently, the Internal Examiner left his copy of the PhD thesis with Mr Elliott post-viva. Mr Elliott left both copies with the LSE asking the LSE to return these to Senate House. These were never received.

The copy referred to above which went over to IALS would have been the spare third

copy submitted to the Research Degrees Examinations office for examination on 15 June 1983.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

With best wishes,

Lorraine