

From: [Cerny,MW](#)
To: [Yarham,R](#)
Cc: [Marks,S](#)
Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department
Date: 17 June 2019 11:59:00

Hi Rachel,

Just to update, I understand that the supervisor was [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED]. All queries on this are being dealt with via comms so if any queries come in to Law could these be forwarded on for response.

Thanks,
Marcus

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From: Yarham,R
Sent: 11 June 2019 11:41
To: Cerny,MW
Cc: Marks,S
Subject: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Hi Marcus,

Further to our conversation, below is the correspondence.

I believe the supervisor was [REDACTED]. No idea who the examiners were I'm afraid, we have no paperwork on this.

Best wishes
Rachel

From: Thomson,MT
Sent: 22 March 2016 16:54
To: Wilson,Clive; Yarham,R; Green,LJ
Cc: Flanagan,D; Reid,MJ
Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Clive, greetings

Very many thanks for this courteous update – very helpful.

All best,

MTT

From: Wilson,Clive
Sent: 22 March 2016 16:51
To: Thomson,MT; Yarham,R; Green,LJ
Cc: Flanagan,D; Reid,MJ
Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Dear Mark

Rachel rang me a short while ago to say that a U.S. research student had been digging around at Senate House for more information on Dr Tsai's thesis. As there is nothing further to be uncovered at LSE I suspect that will be it, but again thought I should let you know in case they end up getting through to your office.

We don't appear to have had any further interest via the Library despite Dr Tsai winning the election.

Best wishes

Clive

From: Thomson,MT
Sent: 13 November 2015 16:37
To: Yarham,R; Wilson,Clive; Green,LJ
Cc: Flanagan,D; Reid,MJ
Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Thanks for your efforts Rachel.

All best,

MTT

From: Yarham,R
Sent: 13 November 2015 15:33
To: Wilson,Clive; Thomson,MT; Green,LJ
Cc: Flanagan,D; Reid,MJ
Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Dear Clive,

The Department was not able to help in this matter I'm afraid. Senate House were contacted but they couldn't find a copy of the thesis and LSE does not have one either.

I can try and find out who the supervisor would have been, I might have an idea who it might be. He was around in the mid-eighties. I shall make some enquiries.

Best wishes

Rachel.

From: Wilson,Clive
Sent: 13 November 2015 15:18
To: Thomson,MT; Green,LJ

Cc: Flanagan,D; Reid,MJ; Yarham,R
Subject: Re: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Dear Mark

Sue Donnelly would be able to provide a copy of Dr Tsai's LSE student file - I have copied her in.

Simeon said in one email that:

My understanding is that the position seems to be that two copies were left with LSE from the supervisor and the internal examiner but that these were never passed on to SHL and that one copy went from Senate House Library to IALS but can no longer be found.

I am sure this was based on notes in the relevant LSE and UL records

Rachel Yarham in Law - -also copied now - was asked about it at one point but I believe the department had nothing to add.

It all became a series of unfortunate deadends with no trace of a physical copy anywhere.

Clive

From: Thomson,MT
Sent: 12 November 2015 16:34
To: Wilson,Clive; Green,LJ
Cc: Flanagan,D; Reid,MJ
Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Clive, greetings

Thank you for this note – apologies for the delayed response, but I made the mistake of being away at a conference early in the week and have paid a heavy price in terms of the state of my inbox.

I was not aware of this matter. A couple of questions:

-Does the PhD Academy have a copy of Dr Tsai's student file? If so, may I see it?

-Do we know the basis on which [REDACTED], in her email of 3 July 2015, makes the statement that "Both examiners' copies of the thesis were left at the LSE following examination"?

-Do we know who Dr Tsai's supervisor was, and whether she/he is still at the School and might have a copy of the thesis? Have we tried the department?

All best,

MTT

From: Wilson,Clive

Sent: 10 November 2015 13:32
To: Green,LJ; Thomson,MT
Cc: Flanagan,D; Reid,MJ
Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

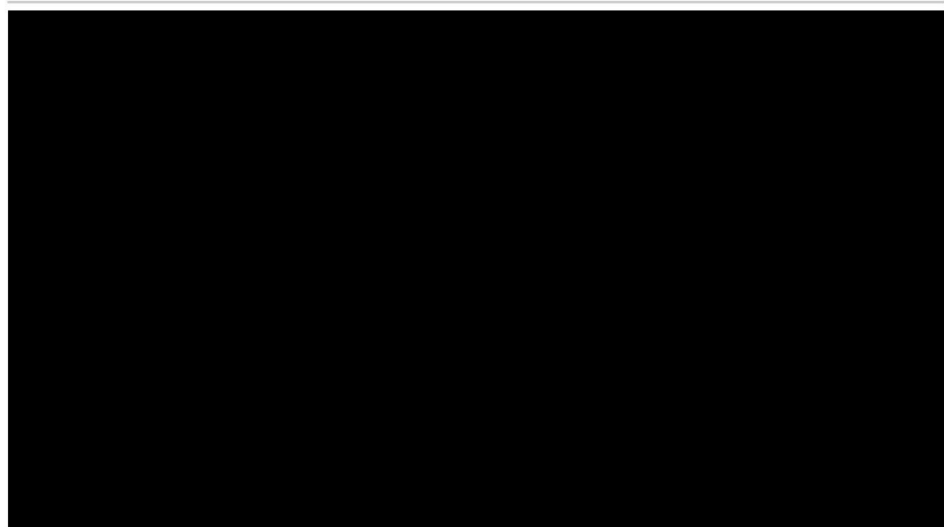
Dear Mark

I'm not sure if you are aware of this particular issue or not so my apologies if much of this is known to you.

In brief, one of our alumna Ing-Wen Tsai is her party's candidate in the upcoming Taiwan elections. As the email trail below shows there appears to be no available copy of her PhD thesis although Simeon Underwood was satisfied that the record showed the award was valid.

We have had a number of requests for this thesis since the candidacy was announced and have given a standard response and referred to [REDACTED] at Senate House as Simeon requested.

I mention it now because it appears to have made the Chinese press in Canada and mentioned on twitter: [REDACTED]



It's all fairly low level so far but I thought you should be aware

Best wishes

Clive

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From: Underwood,S
Sent: 03 July 2015 15:44
To: Green,LJ; Yarham,R; Bannister,HR; Foster,NK; Wright,NC; Reid,MJ; Wilson,Clive; Donnelly,S; Thomas4,A; O'Connor,D
Subject: FW: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Colleagues

Herewith correspondence with Senate House about Dr Tsai's PhD examination and thesis. The upshot is that any future correspondence should go to Lorraine at Senate House. But please send them with a copy to me until 20 July and a copy to Louisa Green thereafter, in case there are any issues which are specific to the School.

Many thanks

simeon

From: Underwood,S
Sent: 03 July 2015 15:40
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Foster,NK
Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

[REDACTED]

Thanks for this.

The line I have taken is that we can't give [REDACTED] the answers to his questions for reasons to do with data protection. I wrote to him on Monday; and he hasn't got back to me as yet. I suggest that we let this lie unless he gets back to us. But if you think differently please say.

Thanks for the kind offer, but I will manage with a copy of Dr Tsai's university file, for now at least.

All the best

simeon

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 July 2015 15:34
To: Underwood,S; [REDACTED]

Cc: Foster,NK

Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Dear Simeon,

Please do pass any enquiries regarding this PhD examination on to me. I can help with some of [REDACTED] questions below if you forward me his email address. As for the actual copies of the thesis itself I am sorry I am unable to shed any light on this. Both examiners' copies of the thesis were left at the LSE following examination. It seems the third copy of the thesis was sent to the IALS, and then the trail goes cold.

We have retrieved Dr Tsai's file from our Archives and I can send you through a scanned copy if that would be useful.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: Underwood,S [<mailto:S.Underwood@lse.ac.uk>]

Sent: 02 July 2015 16:40

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Foster,NK

Subject: FW: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

[REDACTED]

I believe you are away of the interest in the thesis of Dr Tsai. I think it important that the University and the LSE agrees an approach on who answers questions on what.

There have been five or six requests for copies of the thesis. The interest arises because Dr Tsai is the Democratic Progressive Party's candidate for the Taiwan presidential elections 2016

I have asked my colleagues to retrieve Dr Tsai's file from our archive (although I have seen a scanned version of it, I want to double check by looking at the paper version).

From what I have seen so far, there is no doubt that the degree award is valid. There may be features of the process which reflect the academic habits of the mid-1980s and would be frowned upon today. But we have issued TWIMCs confirming the degree in the past; and on the evidence

available to me at present, I see no reason why we shouldn't do so now.

The main mystery is why the copies of the thesis cannot be found. It is clear that people at your end and at the LSE end have looked in all the obvious places and in some which aren't obvious, but cannot find them. My understanding is that the position seems to be that two copies were left with LSE from the supervisor and the internal examiner but that these were never passed on to SHL and that one copy went from Senate House Library to IALS but can no longer be found.

I have also had a message from a [REDACTED] asking a range of questions about the examination process, as follows:

Dr Tsai's Ph.D. program year:

How many years did Dr Tsai spend in the program:

Dr Tsai's Oral Defense date:

Dr Tsai's Oral Defense Committee Chair and members:

Dr Tsai's Thesis Committee Chair and members:

Dr Tsai's Thesis bonded date:

Dr Tsai's Diploma date and the signing professor or Academic personnel:

I have replied that under UK data protection law I am unable to release the information you have asked for without Dr Tsai's permission.

Whose issue is this ? Given that the issues are around the examination and its aftermath, my instinct is that they come under your jurisdiction rather than ours: which means that if we get further enquiries, we should acknowledge and say that we are passing them over to you. But if you want to disagree with this approach, please say !

Thanks

simeon

-----Original Message-----

From: Green,LJ

Sent: 02 July 2015 14:40

To: Underwood,S

Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Thanks; will do.

Regards

Louisa

Louisa Green

Research Degrees Manager

LSE

020 7955 6766

-----Original Message-----

From: Underwood,S

Sent: 02 July 2015 14:39

To: Green,LJ

Subject: RE: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Louisa

Please advise Rachel not to reply.

I am about to pass this on to the University.

simeon

-----Original Message-----

From: Green,LJ

Sent: 02 July 2015 13:42

To: Underwood,S

Subject: FW: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Simeon

Rachel Yarham received the email request below asking for a copy of Ing-Wen Tsai's PhD thesis. I thought I should pass this on to you given the other recent request you had received concerning this graduate and confirmation of her award.

Rachael has not yet responded to the request. Should she do so? I can advise her to simply say that as no copy of the thesis is within the Library we are unable to help with this request.

Regards

Louisa

Louisa Green

Research Degrees Manager

LSE

020 7955 6766

-----Original Message-----

From: Brack,M

Sent: 02 July 2015 09:45

To: Green,LJ

Subject: FW: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Louisa

Rachel has received an email from someone looking for that thesis from Ing-Wen Tsai. I told Rachel not to do anything. It seems to be from a different person to the one sent to Simeon and RDU.

Regards

Matt

Matthew Brack

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<http://www.lse.ac.uk/researchStudents>

-----Original Message-----

From: Yarham,R

Sent: 02 July 2015 09:39

To: Brack,M

Subject: FW: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Hi Matt,

I'm assuming this should go to your office. Let me know if you need me to do anything.

Best wishes

Rachel.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 July 2015 05:03

To: Yarham,R

Subject: Need to find a 1984 Ph.D. dissertation in your department

Dear Mr.s Yarham,

Greetings. My name is [REDACTED]

For some reason, I am looking for one LSE Ph.D. Law dissertation in the catalogue system of the LSE library, but I have failed to find it for several times. So, I am wondering if you can help me fix it.

The title of the Ph.D. dissertation I am looking for is "Unfair Trade Practices and Safeguard Actions." The author is Ing-Wen TSAI; she was a Ph.D. Law and graduated in 1984 from your department. I was told that I am supposed to find her dissertation in the catalogue system of LSE library, but I have failed to find it in the system.

I had contacted the Collection office of the LSE library and the LSE Archivist couple weeks ago, but both of them are not having this Ph.D dissertation at all (and I have no idea if they ever had it before.); so, it seems that the LSE Law Department is the only place having the copy of this dissertation.

Therefore, it would be kind of you to help me find it. I have some friends who are in LSE now, so they can help me copy some pages of that dissertation, as long as I know its whereabouts.

I am wondering if your department can send one copy to the LSE library or the LSE Archivist office as part of their collection? In that case, my friend can access to that dissertation directly and copy those pages I might need for me.

An alternative is that: maybe my friend can go to your office and to take some photo shots of pages

I might need with a camera.

In addition, I was told that the US database company, ProQuest, might have one copy of the dissertation I am looking for. So, I am wondering that if you can answer me the following question: did your department, or the author of that dissertation, ever authorize ProQuest to have your graduates' Ph.D. dissertations before?

The reason I ask this question is because I do not want to be another victim of a "commercial strategy." I am not saying that ProQuest might be a fraud or something. My point is: it is unreasonable for me to expect ProQuest to have the dissertation I am looking for, since I cannot find that dissertation in both the LSE library and the LSE Archive office; it could be just another data entry mistake. Since I personally do not have the ProQuest membership, I need to pay a lot of money for requesting to download it before knowing whether or not ProQuest does have this dissertation. I know ProQuest might refund me if it really does not have this dissertation for me to download. But I need to pay it first and file for the refund afterwards; I do not have the time for doing that. So, it would be much easier if I can have the answer from you directly that it is highly likely for ProQuest to have the dissertation I am looking for since your department or the author once authorized them.

I thank you for your help in advance. And I apologize if I burden you with any extra workload. If whatever mentioned in this email is really irrelevant to your knowledge, please let me know whom in your department I should contact. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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