

From: [LSE PhD Academy](#)
To: [O'Connor,D](#)
Cc: [Wilson,Clive](#); [Kelloway,C](#); [Donnelly,S](#)
Subject: RE: President Tsai's PhD
Date: 12 September 2019 15:42:02

Thanks Danny,

I'm happy with this and I will reply to the email.

Marcus

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

From: O'Connor,D [d.o'connor@lse.ac.uk]
Sent: 12/09/2019 12:28
To: phdacademy@lse.ac.uk; s.donnelly@lse.ac.uk
Cc: clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk; c.kelloway@lse.ac.uk
Subject: RE: President Tsai's PhD

As you suggest, I think we can respond in line with previous statements but not really engage.

This is becoming a needless drain on our resources with people who are not acting in good faith.

I would suggest the following.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. As indicated to a number of enquirers, the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of London can confirm that Tsai Ing-Wen completed and was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

The documentation you have shared via attachment appear to be accurate. In terms of your other questions, our records confirm the supervisor for the PhD was Michael Elliot and Dr Tsai Ing-wen recently provided the LSE Library with a facsimile copy of the thesis, *Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions*. This is available to view in the LSE library reading room upon request.

Kind regards,

From: LSE PhD Academy [mailto:phdacademy@lse.ac.uk]
Sent: 12 September 2019 10:27
To: Donnelly,S <S.Donnelly@lse.ac.uk>
Cc: Wilson,Clive <CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>; O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>; Kelloway,C <C.Kelloway@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: President Tsai's PhD

Just checking if there is anything I need to do with this enquiry or whether there will be a standard School response provided given the likelihood of this being repeated?

If there is going to be a School response drawn up do you need any input or info from me?

If I am replying please let me know if there is anything you want me to include over and above what has previously been agreed as an appropriate response.

Thanks,
Marcus

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

From: Donnelly,S [s.donnelly@lse.ac.uk]
Sent: 11/09/2019 17:45
To: clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk
Cc: phdacademy@lse.ac.uk; d.o'connor@lse.ac.uk; c.kelloway@lse.ac.uk
Subject: Re: President Tsai's PhD

Hi All

Indeed - the possession of a PhD was far from universal. Lionel Robbins didn't have one and indeed Richard Titmuss didn't have a degree but they must both have supervised many PhDs,

Sue

Sent from my iPad

On 11 Sep 2019, at 17:06, Wilson,Clive <CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk> wrote:

Hi All

I think we can assume Mike Elliott's name is now public domain to be honest. Even from just a cursory look, it is pretty clear that half of the PhDs from that period didn't thank or name their supervisor. It really wasn't uncommon for a supervisor to not have a PhD.

I am not in for the next couple of days but I can do some work on that if needed: David Guest supervised a 1980 thesis when he himself 'only' got his PhD in 1980 also ...

<https://www.hrmagazine.co.uk/hr-most-influential/profile/david-guest-professor-in-organisational-psychology-and-hr-management-kings-college-london-1>

Clive

From: Donnelly,S
Sent: 11 September 2019 11:42
To: O'Connor,D; Phdacademy
Cc: Kelloway,C; Wilson,Clive
Subject: Re: President Tsai's PhD

Hi Danny

I believe her supervisor is no longer alive so there would be no DP issue there but Rachael Maguire would be able to confirm. She does not work on Weds but will be in tomorrow,

Sue

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone. K?

----- Original message -----

From: "O'Connor,D" <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>

Date: 11/09/2019 11:36 (GMT+00:00)

To: Phdacademy <Phdacademy@lse.ac.uk>, "Donnelly,S" <S.Donnelly@lse.ac.uk>

Cc: "Kelloway,C" <C.Kelloway@lse.ac.uk>, "Wilson,Clive" <CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: President Tsai's PhD

Hi Marcus,

This individual is probably linked to the other Taiwanese citizen activists who are pointing out every perceived discrepancy.

I understand President Tsai's office released part of her student record recently to try and answer these kinds of questions. They were in touch with Clive Wilson about with a few questions about two weeks ago.

(Separately, are we able to release the name of the supervisor?)

Thanks,

Danny

From: LSE PhD Academy [<mailto:phdacademy@lse.ac.uk>]

Sent: 11 September 2019 11:31

To: Donnelly,S <S.Donnelly@lse.ac.uk>

Cc: Kelloway,C <C.Kelloway@lse.ac.uk>; O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>

Subject: FW: President Tsai's PhD

Dear Sue,

Just checking whether this email to the Law Department is related to the enquiry you had last week. It is using the student record card that you forwarded to me so I assume it is linked.

I'm not going to respond personally to but to look at the appropriate School response. I'm copying to Danny O'Connor and Charlotte Kelloway who have been involved in communications on this case previously. It would be helpful to know if this is the same person who contacted you or whether we might expect various similar queries to come in to different parts of the School.

I notice that neither the email address nor a google search for [REDACTED] gives any help in working out where the query is coming from.

Thanks,
Marcus

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Yarham,R [r.yarham@lse.ac.uk]

Sent: 11/09/2019 09:40

To: phdacademy@lse.ac.uk

Subject: FW: President Tsai's PhD

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 September 2019 05:36

To: Yarham,R

Subject: President Tsai's PhD

Dear Rachel Yarham,

My name is [REDACTED]. We Taiwanese citizens are very focusing whether our President Tsai, Ing Wen really completed her PhD degree in Law and her PhD thesis in 1984. According to her student record she announced to the public few weeks ago (from her official president FB), she originally joined in your department as a master of philosophy for 2 years (1980-1982), then withdrew the program because of financial difficulties on Oct 11, 1982, after that, there is no record for returning back to your department. It is also very clear she did not pass Qualification test, so there is a note, Rebro Oct 1980. After a year later, she magically got a degree, but it is not sure whether a PhD awarded by LSE or just a master degree. Besides that, her PhD thesis "Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions" is under no supervisor, I never heard any possibility for a PhD done by oneself without any adviser. In addition, her PhD thesis book stored in LSE library lost 6 pages and there is no committee members evaluated her thesis.

I want to know the documents attached, her student record and her PhD certification she announced to the public, are those things are real or fake? And if they are real, why she can

complete her PhD thesis without any supervisor (during 1982-1984), and why her PhD thesis can not be publicly revealed to the public.

The integrity of a president is tremendously important for our Taiwanese. If any your record can prove the truth of her PhD degree or any your research staff can prove it, which can clarify the truth.

There is only one truth in the world. LSE law school, the institute for cultivating justice lawyer or judge, should provide to our Taiwanese the truth of our president PhD degree and explain those unusual situations of her PhD student record.

Sincerely,

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