Notes on Romanization and Chinese Characters

This thesis uses Hanyu Pinyin 漢語拼音 romanization. Given names are capitalized. Pinyin words are set in italics unless they represent a given name or a name of an institution. In the transcription of institutions, only the first word is capitalized. Compound words are written together. Pinyin article titles are not italicized. Taiwanese Hokkien is transcribed using the Taiwanese Romanization System (Tâi-uân Bân-lâm-gí Lô-má-jī Phing-im Hong-àn 臺灣閩南語羅馬字拼音方案).