

Explanatory Notes

1. Many references were originally written in Chinese, and thus the author of this thesis has translated the Chinese paragraphs into English when quoting the original sources. However, the translated passages may not be perfect, especially when it comes to literary works.
2. Chinese people may have 2, 3 or even 4 characters in their names. If there has already been an English translation of the name of a Chinese author, such as “Chang Chung-Li”, the English translation will be cited in this thesis. As for Chinese authors without English translations of their names, the author of this thesis uses the form of family names ahead of first names; for example, “Mao Sheng”, “Wu Yingtao” and “Ouyang Zhaohuang.” However, for the reference sections, a comma is used between the family name and the first name.
3. For other Chinese terms used in this thesis, please refer to the glossary.