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The objective of this thesis is to study the characteristics of English loanwords in Thai, by comparing patterns of loanwords in the King Rama V period with those in the contemporary period, and to categorize semantic domains of English loanwords in Thai during the King Rama V period.

The data were collected from loanwords found in Klaiban volumes 1 and 2 totaling 43 chapters.

The results show that i) The strategies used in adapting English loanwords in Thai in the King Rama V period are full transliteration, partial transliteration (blended transliteration), and loan translation respectively ; ii) There were 15 semantic domains of English loanwords in Thai during the King Rama V period, artificial places are found the most, followed by persons, and language and religions are found the least; iii) Considering spelling pronunciation of English loanwords adaptation in Thai in the King Rama V period, sound reduction (deaspiration, devoicing, vowel shortening, final omission) , innovative initial clusters addition, and; the use of similar feature phonemes for English consonants that lack Thai counterparts are found; iiii) transliteration of English loanwords in Thai found in the King Rama V era has been currently replaced mostly by word building strategy followed by simple transliteration and word building strategies, and simple transliteration as used in the King Rama V periods.

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