A Note on Orthography

In this book I use the following transliteration system of Mongolian Cyrillic. I have followed the system used by Empson (2011, xiii).

O as O
Ө as Ö
У as U
Ү as Ü
Ё as Yo
Э as E
E as Ye
Ы as Y
Я as Ya
Х as H
И and Й as i
Ь and Ы as ’
Ю as Yu/Yü (depending on conjunction with front/back vowel)

For the plural of some Mongolian words used frequently in this text, for example ger, I have used the Roman ‘s’ at the end, rather than the Mongolian plural.