Note on Transliteration

The IJMES systems for Arabic and Persian are followed. Macrons (ā/l/ū) and diacritics (ḍ/h/s/t/z/z) are used; ayn (‘) and hamza (‘) represent letters of the alphabet. The letter waw is rendered (w); diphthongs are (aw) and (ay); the doubled final form of vowel i is (-iyy). Spelling follows options in dictionaries by Hans Wehr and Francis Steingass. Arabic, Turkish, Persian, and Mongol words accepted into English and in Webster’s or OED are not transliterated; hence ulama, darwish, waqf, etc.