## <u>Welcome speech of Dr Hanne Kuchler on</u> the Jemal Nebez Award ceremony, 21.09.2025, Berlin

Hi! A warm welcome! This goes first to our award winner of the year 2025: <u>Professor Omarkhali</u>. We are happy to see you here. We have your widely acclaimed book in our library, the one bound in red which we just as highly value.

A warm welcome! To all participants. Live online or with video messages. Thanks right now also to the tech team and the musicians.

I am the long-time partner of Jemal Nebez and chair of the foundation's board. To my right is <u>Jan</u> Gosau, my volunteer deputy on the board since its founding.

Livestream Working online in meetings is standard practice for our foundation. The board of directors is international, as is the advisory board, and <u>Yado Rahmani's</u> academic seminars, known as Nebez seminars, also take place online. And so does this award ceremony.

<u>Hallo</u>, to my left is the representative of our foundation and executor of Jemal's papers, letters, and manuscripts, who actually wants to present as much of Jemal's estate online/ on the internet, as soon as possible. With the same conviction and commitment, he has also contributed to the organization of this livestream online award ceremony.

<u>Sara</u> on the left end of this panel and <u>Kaweh</u> on the right end are both members of the foundation's advisory board. Thank you very much for taking on the role of moderators here today.