

SPERRFRIST 18.11.21, 19.00 Uhr

Es gilt das gesprochene Wort.

Hermann Kesten-Förderpreis 2020 des deutschen PEN-Zentrums, 18.11.21 in Darmstadt

Dankesrede von Lina Attalah

My team back in Egypt and I myself are deeply honored by this recognition. Not only do we feel it points to the work of journalism we aspire to improve everyday despite surrounding difficult circumstances, but it points to all such efforts everywhere in the globe, in contexts varying from democracies to autocracies and yet all hostile to independent journalism. I like to believe in the collectivity of awards like this, awards as tools to index efforts, struggles, experiments and dreams to make intelligent and engaging knowledge in a world that is increasingly making such undertaking difficult. I like to believe in the connectedness this award creates: I am here, the guest of some very generous hosts in this city, receiving a prize carrying the name and experience of bravery in the European past, while pointing to the work we do miles away today. For this possibility of being together, of being connected, I, with profound gratitude, accept this award.