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Object: The Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies

To whom it may concern

It is my pleasure to support Nima Jangouk's application for *The Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies at the University of Toronto*. I know Nima since 2012 as his doctoral thesis supervisor which he successfully defended in 2023. He is now in the early stages of his scholarly career, and I have been encouraging him to publish his thesis into a book since it is highly original in terms of developing an anthropology of wind steeped in sensorial and phenomenological socio-anthropology, in the sociology and anthropology of the body and religion, anthropology of sound as well as in medical anthropology. It is further thoroughly anchored in Iranian traditions, more specifically in Zar healing practices among Islanders of Southern Iran which he learned as an apprenticeship drummer, again showing an important contribution to the field of the social sciences enriched by deepening understandings and methodologies touching issues of healing, knowing, embodiment and religion in anthropology. Nima is a very meticulous researcher, and the quality of his work is remarkable; his work ethic is impeccable and he has acquired great pedagogical skills across his numerous teaching experiences which also enriches his work. I thus strongly recommend him for this postdoctoral fellowship which seems to fit perfectly in terms of timing as well as orientation, and I will be happy to provide further details if desired.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Laplante".

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