Civil society resistance has the power to exposing and ultimately challenge state crime, violence, and corruption. It occurs not only in places where ‘the rule of law’ is absent or precarious, but also in those which have a normative commitment to upholding it. In this seminar, Professor Penny Green will explore the complicated and interdependent relationship between organised civil society and the state. She will contend that the concept of ‘civil society’ is central to understanding both crimes committed by the state and its responses to the crimes of others.

Drawing on extensive fieldwork in Turkey, Tunisia, Burma, Kenya, PNG, Colombia and Israel/Palestine, Professor Green will explore some of the ways in which civil society resistance emerges, survives, and sometimes even ‘flourishes’ under conditions of dictatorship, state violence, and repression. She will examine the role politics, human rights, violence, religion, and charity play when the stakes in demanding justice are very high. Despite the reasons underpinning civil society resistance, this seminar will ultimately highlight how complex and fragile it is to unmask and challenge state criminality.

Professor Penny Green has a doctorate in Criminology from Cambridge University and has held several posts at esteemed universities across the U.K. She has published extensively on state crime theory, resistance to state violence, transnational crime, Turkish criminal justice and politics, mass forced evictions/displacement, and ‘natural’ disasters. She has a long track record of researching in hostile environments and has conducted fieldwork in places such as Palestine/Israel, Tunisia and Myanmar.

Professor Green is Founder and Director of the award winning International State Crime Initiative which collates, analyses, and disseminates research-based knowledge about criminal state practices and resistance to them. She is co-editor in Chief of the international journal State Crime and Editor of the Pluto Press State Crime monograph series.

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