AHMADINEJAD ADMINISTRATION’S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD IS CHARACTERISED BY SYSTEMATIC ABUSES AND THE MUZZLING OF CIVIL SOCIETY. IT SEEMS IN THAT CONTEXT THAT THE GREEN MOVEMENT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO ASHES AND THAT CIVIL SOCIETY (ONE CANNOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE OTHER) STRUGGLES TO RE-INVENT ITSELF. YET, FAR FROM SUCH CLAIMS, BOTH MOVEMENTS HAVE SHOWN RESILIENCE.


CONSEQUENTLY, IRANIAN CIVIL SOCIETY HAD TO REINVENT ITSELF AND INTEGRATE THE KHODRAT-E SABZ (GREEN MOVEMENT) FACTOR. IF IT STILL CALLS FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND IF IT STILL ADVOCATES FOR LEGAL REFORMS, IT FORMULATES NEW FORMS OF RESISTANCE.

THE PAPER WILL LOOK HOW LAW CAN BE USED IN A CLIMATE OF OPPRESSION TO STRUGGLE FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HOW HAS THE CHANGE OF CONTEXT IN IRAN AFFECTED THE LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA OF ITS CIVIL SOCIETY? HOW CAN CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE GREEN MOVEMENT STRUGGLE EFFICIENTLY WHEN ALL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTORS ARE IMPRISONED OR IN EXILE? HOW CAN IT FUNCTION WHEN ALL STANDARD INSTRUMENTS AND STRATEGIES HAVE FAILED?

THE MUTATION OF THE IRANIAN CIVIL SOCIETY WILL THEREFORE BE SURVEYED FROM AN INTERNAL PERSPECTIVE SINCE THE AUTHOR, WHO HAS WORKED ON THE TOPIC FOR MORE THAN A DECADE AND WHO HAS PARTICIPATED TO THE GREEN MOVEMENT, WILL HAVE TRAVELLED BY THEN TO IRAN.