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**Negotiating Modernity and Gender: The Case of the Chinese Aini Ethnic
Minority Women's Peace Action**

Although lived through a long agricultural tradition of rotating arable land and using natural fertilizer, and a rich cultural tradition of sustaining a self-sufficient economy, the Aini ethnic minority residing in the China-Burma border village Mengsong in Xishuangbana Autonomous Region, Yunnan Province is facing great challenges of losing their indigenous way of life and damaging their environment arisen from the "infiltration" of modern development and being incorporated in the market economy. Against such background, this paper would examine how the Women's Group there faces these challenges. The changing gender roles and its implication for women would also be analysed.