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**Livelihood & Ecology, or Peace Praxis among Women Farmers**

This presentation reviews research and field studies of contemporary sustainable agricultural practice among Chinese women chosen as labor state heroines and Global Peacewomen in scattered rural reclamation projects. While studying female farmers is a scholarly and theoretical question there is another consideration, which is praxis. Rural sociology joined to the self-reliant and collective struggles of the women themselves creates a theoretical and practical project that can, with attention, teach us about the creative and practical sustainable rural development practices, states of mind and mindful struggle. Visiting their existing projects and reading about labor heroines and Peacewomen in a well defined, politically sculpted project honors the autonomy and creativity of the rural women involved while forwarding to another level the traditions of learning from models, from labor model people, from model "best" practices. This is a hopeful project that requires scholarly study, participant learning, and respectful participation.