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Sustainable Peace and Knowledge Production: The Case of Shanxi Peacewomen

This paper would examine the process of knowledge production and circulation related to a specific peace action taken up by the women leaders of the Women's Association and the Production Cooperative in Lijiazhuang village, Fenyang City, Shanxi Province to substitute the use of pesticides by bio-liquid in 2009. Heavily relying on growing pears and apples to generate income, many Lijiazhuang villages still believe in using "modern" technology such as pesticides and chemical fertilizers to guarantee the production quantity, despite the availability of natural resources such as bio-liquid and the danger of health hazard. The ways these women leaders learned, sorted, produced and circulated related knowledge in the community will be analysed in the context of peasants' livelihood and ecological crisis in Northern China.