

Abstract

This book is a report of my fieldwork among the Lahu people of Yunnan Province, China and north Thailand conducted in 2012 and 2011, respectively. The first part of the book is a report of Yunnan Lahu Buddhist places that had been independent religio-political units in the 18th century Yunnan but were destroyed in later era. My research revealed that some of these Buddhist places are being reconstructed under China's new policy towards ethnic cultures since 1980s, while other Buddhist places are not the target of the policy. Some Buddhist temple ruins are objects of Lahu villagers' worship, while others are just left as they are. The second part of the book is a report of two annual rituals of Red Lahu of north Thailand.