

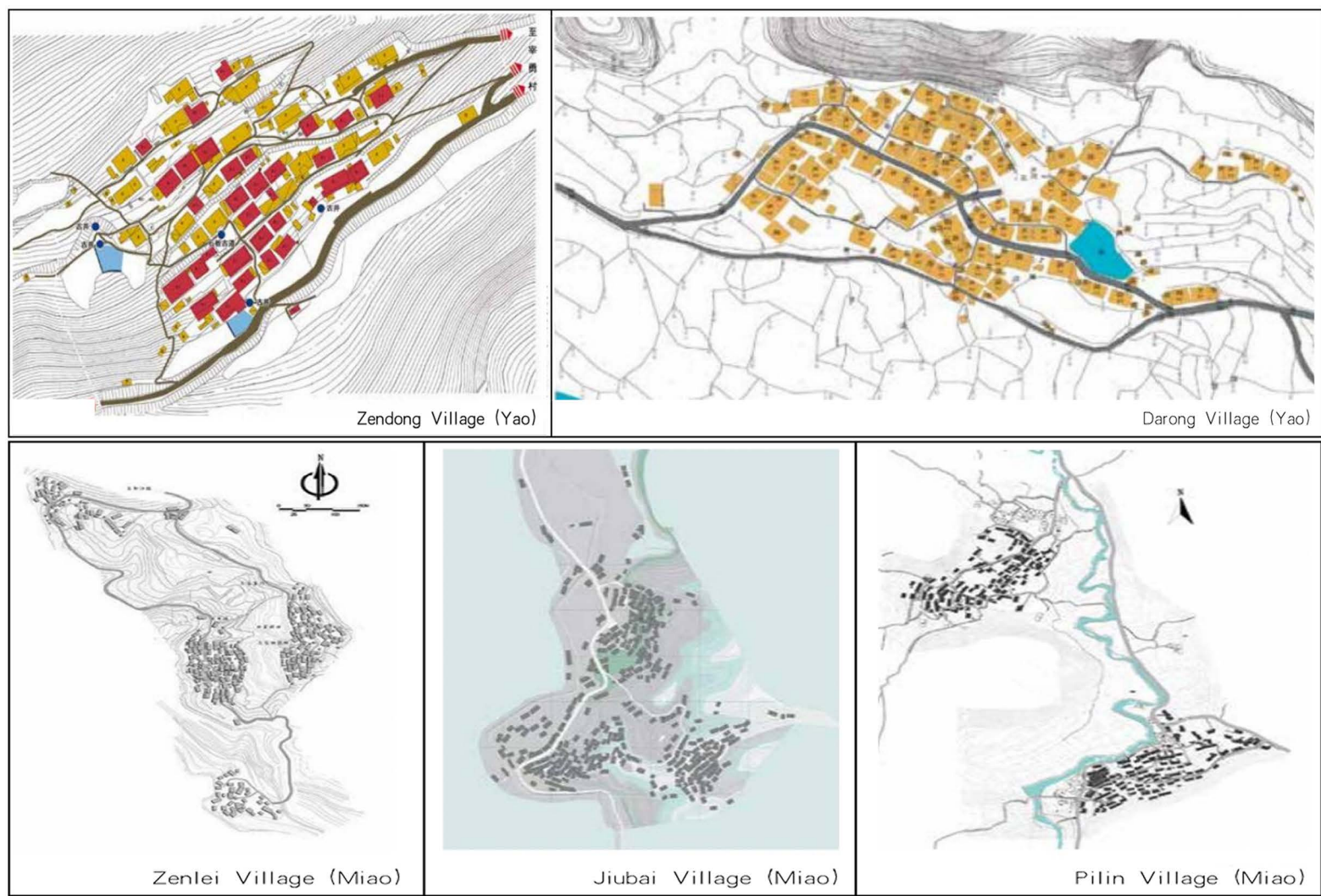
A Preliminary Study on the Types of Ethnic Villages in Guizhou



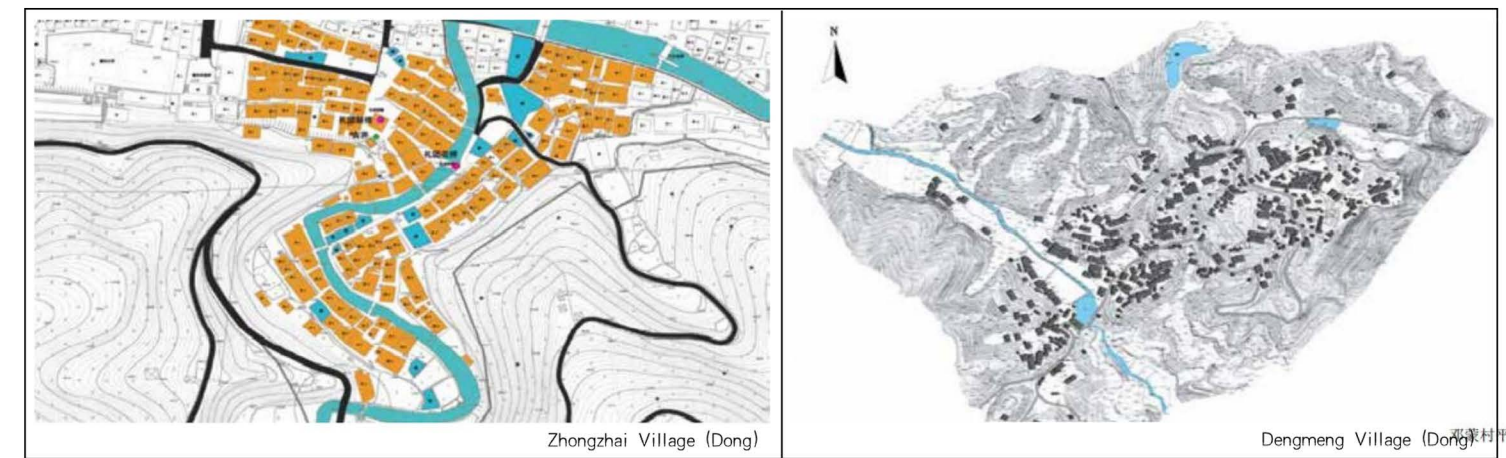
Different nationalities, even in the same natural environment, build different settlement forms. The natural environment has a great influence on the formation of village spatial form. In places with similar natural conditions, the same ethnic groups have similar settlement forms. However, different nationalities, even in the same natural environment, have different settlement forms. The spatial composition of the settlement plays a decisive role in the spatial concept of the residents, rather than simply depending on the local environment.



The settlements of the same nationality are located in similar terrain and environment. Before deciding to build a settlement, the behavior of choosing the settlement site and terrain is by no means an accidental behavior, which is determined by the residents' consciousness. Moreover, the fact that the same nationality chooses the same terrain and different nationalities choose different terrain fully shows that the choice of terrain is also a reflection of the spatial concept of the settlement residents.



The same nationalities build the same settlements. If it is true that the decisive factor of settlement is the concept of space of the residents in settlement, then the same nation with the same concept of space should build similar settlements. The structure of the concept of space is not only reflected in the form of residence, but also in the composition of the space within the settlement, and the composition of the space between the settlements is the most basic concept of the residents.



The distance between residents determines the distribution degree of settlements. The size of the distance between settlements has a great impact on the whole settlement form. Therefore, according to the size of the distance between settlements, the concentration or dispersion of settlements can be judged. This way of judging and comparing the differences between settlements according to the sense of distance may be an important scale.

