

MODERN KOREA: SCIENCE, SCIENCE FICTION, STATE & SOCIETY

A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS



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How has science and technology altered modern Korean society and states? How has science and technology influenced Korean people's speculative narratives of the future? What messages do *sf* literary voices convey about Korean history, society and realities? This course will consider these questions of technology, economy, ideology, society, and culture from a humanities lens using primary and secondary sources. Webinars feature Dr. Derek Kramer (University of Sheffield) and Dr. Sunyoung Park (University of Southern California). Teachers will consider how to apply Korean technoscientific history and speculative fiction to engage students and address themes and standards in instruction in the disciplines of world history, geography, and literature.

Course Format and Expectations:

Each module is two weeks long, divided as follows: 1) a one-week reading period; 2) a live hour-long webinar with a specialist on the topic; and 3) a second week for asynchronous online discussion with an NCTA instructor, focusing on classroom integration. The course begins with an Intro Week, Jan 8. The three two-week modules run Jan 15-28, Jan 29-Feb 11, and Feb 12-25. Participants must be able to attend the live Zoom webinars: January 22, February 5, and February 19 all at 7 pm ET, and participate in the week-long asynchronous discussion period following each live meeting. The Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation are due by March 8.

Benefits:

24 instructional contact hours including reading and discussion with specialists and fellow educators. Upon submission of all assignments, a certificate of completion for 24 professional development hours, & a \$90 completion stipend.

Eligibility:

Secondary teachers nationwide are invited to apply. Priority will be given to contract world history, geography and humanities teachers whose required curriculum includes East Asia. Course size caps at 25 and closes January 4 or when course fills.

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