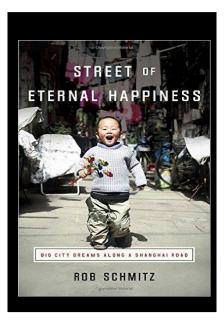
THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AND THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

WINTER-SPRING 2018 ONLINE BOOK GROUP FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS

Street of Eternal Happiness: Big City Dreams Along and Shanghai Road by Rob Schmitz



The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, announces this winter-spring 2018 online book group: *Street of Eternal Happiness.* This 2016 publication by Rob Schmitz, China correspondent for American Public Media's *Marketplace* on NPR, has received excellent reviews and provides engaging profiles for secondary classroom use.

Because the story of modern China is often told in generalizations on a macro level, the smaller stories of life "on the ground" are frequently left untold. In *Street of Eternal Happiness,* Schmitz picks up the rich detail of these narratives, telling the stories of ordinary people in the Shanghai neighborhood he has called home and providing layers of complexity, individuality, and humanity to our understanding of 21st-century China.

Online Format: Through a book group format, participants will read and discuss selected stories in the book, exploring themes and issues raised and considering how these stories can inform teaching about China. Participants should plan on 16 hours of reading and discussion over the course of three two-week modules.

Participants are responsible for buying **Street of Eternal Happiness** in print or e-book format prior to the book group start date. Participants may take part in "discussion only" or choose to complete the book group with full participation for full benefits (see below).

Eligibility and Selection: Open to secondary school literature, social studies, and Chinese language teachers. Admission is selective, with priority given to grade 9-12 contract teachers whose required curriculum in one of these subject areas includes 21st-century China and who are not enrolling in another winter-spring 2018 NCTA course through TEA.

Book Group Dates: The book group opens for online introductions January 19, 2018. The first discussion module opens January 26. Each module will be open for participant discussion for 14 days, with additional days to accommodate February break; the final module closes March 15. Classroom Implementation Plans for full benefits are due March 30.

Participation is free through the generous support of the Freeman Foundation. Full participation which includes substantive contributions to the course discussions and completion of a Classroom Implementation Plan and evaluation—provides the following benefits:

- Certificate of Completion for 16 contact hours.
- Completion stipend for materials purchase through Amazon.

Apply online at <u>http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/ChinaStreet-reg</u>. Applications accepted until January 10 or when course fills. For more information, e-mail NCTA Coordinator Lynn Parisi, <u>parisi@colorado.edu</u>, or book group coordinator Karla Loveall, <u>karla.loveall@gmail.com</u>.