

THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
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May-June 2021 Online Course

READING CONTEMPORARY BEIJING LIVES
May 11–June 7, 2021

A Professional Development Course for Secondary Teachers



The Reading Contemporary Beijing Lives course will do a close reading of selected stories from the column *Beijing Lights*, by Huang Chenkuang, published between 2019 and 2021 online by the Beijing-based literary arts collective Spittoon. Each story gives voice to a Beijing resident, including many marginalized citizens. Participating teachers will gain insight into the social, historical and cultural forces influencing the young and not-so-young as they go about their daily lives in the Chinese capital.

“I like to think that every small neighborhood shop is a station brimming with information about that community. Fragments of stories are constantly being told—and getting lost just as quickly.” - Huang Chenkuang

Course Format and Expectations: The seminar will be conducted online through three asynchronous week-long modules, each consisting of readings of *Beijing Lights*. The course begins May 11, 2021, with online introductions. The first module will begin May 18, and the final module will conclude on June 8, 2021. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation will be due June 23, 2021.

Eligibility and Selection: Secondary teachers nationwide are invited to apply. Stories are published in both English and Chinese language. Admission is selective, and priority will be given to social studies, literature, language and humanities; contract teachers whose required curriculum includes modern and contemporary China; and teachers who are not enrolling in another concurrent NCTA online seminar.

Participation is free. Participants will

- Receive access to all materials online or via download;
- Receive a completion award and certificate of completion for 10 hours;
- Receive \$60 upon completion of a short Curriculum Implementation Plan.

Apply online at <https://www.colorado.edu/ptea/content/BeijingLives>

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