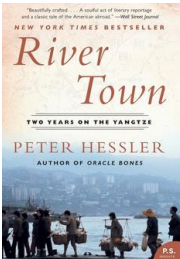


THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AT THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA

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The 3 Gorges Dam: From *River Town* to Now An Online Course Contemporary Issues Course

Open to Secondary Teachers Nationwide
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The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications for this new online course. On the anniversary of the publication of the classic 2001 book, *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze*, by Peter Hessler, this course will tie Hessler's work to the development of the dam project, its impacts, and challenges over the past two decades.



Overview: This seven-week, 19- to 21-hour NCTA course will consider the geographic and historical context of Three Gorges Dam project and its corresponding energy, environmental, and human impacts. Through a wide variety of sources including interviews, film, investigative news reports, and podcasts, participants will discuss China's push for hydropower-green energy, the dam project's social and human repercussions, the impact of China's hydropower dams on other Asian nation's water supplies, and the challenge of flooding. Our instructor for this course is Dr. Lauren Collins, University of Montana.



Online Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted asynchronously through a one-week content introduction and three two-week modules, with one required and two optional live one-hour discussions over the course of the seven weeks. Participants will be responsible for purchasing Peter Hessler's *River Town*, available in print and a variety of online formats. Additional readings and video assignments will be provided on the course site. Teachers who wish to receive full benefits must contribute substantively to all module discussions, complete an evaluation form, and submit a four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the course content in their teaching. Teachers who complete the asynchronous course and required webinar receive a certificate for 19 professional development contact hours, with one additional hour for each of the two live meeting options.

Eligibility and Selection: This course is open to secondary teachers. Admission is selective, with priority given to grade 9-12 contract teachers whose required curriculum includes 21st-century China and who are not enrolling in multiple concurrent NCTA programs during the dates of this course.

Book Group Dates: The course begins with a content introduction February 10-19 and continues with three two-week modules: February 20-March 5; March 6-19; and March 20-April 7. **The required live webinar/discussion will take place March 15, 7-8 pm ET. Please check all course dates to be sure that you can participate fully before applying. Optional live discussions: March 1 and April 5. Curriculum Implementation Plans are due April 24, 2021.**

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation, as outlined above:

Completion certificate: 19-21 professional development contact hours, based on webinar participation, and \$60 Amazon gift card as completion stipend.

Apply online at <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/dam> beginning January 12, 2021. Registration is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes January 30, or when the course fills. For more information, e-mail parisi@colorado.edu or lauren.collins@mso.umt.edu.