

THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
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Winter 2024 National Online Seminar

**Science Fiction & Society:
Engaging Students in Sci-Fi to
Explore a Changing China
January 30–February 26, 2024**



Science fiction is not just a mirror to society, but a lens through which we can envision multiple realities. This NCTA at the Program for Teaching East Asia short course will look at how China is rapidly becoming a hub for some of the most intriguing science fiction stories being published now. As China continues to undergo massive social, economic, and political transformations, science fiction writers not only tell stories that reflect Chinese history and current changes but also possible futures for all of us. This course will explore selected short stories of contemporary Chinese science fiction authors and discuss the pressing socio-political implications and narratives within their stories. Participants will analyze stories to determine the underlying messages behind each story, discuss how they interact with China's progress and development, and explore the growing international interest in Chinese science fiction. This course is designed for secondary teachers across disciplines who are looking to enrich their curriculum, spark student discussions, and present diverse perspectives on a changing China.

Course Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted through three asynchronous online modules, each consisting of pertinent literary stories and readings on history and culture, resources, and a participant discussion forum on content and pedagogy. The course starts January 30, 2024, with online introductions. The first module will begin February 6, and the final module will conclude on February 26, 2024. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation will be due March 25, 2024.

Eligibility and Selection: Secondary teachers nationwide are invited to apply. Admission is selective, and priority will be given to literature, humanities and social studies teachers; contract teachers; and teachers who are not enrolling in another fall NCTA online seminar. Enrollment is limited to 25 teachers; applications close January 26, 2024, or when course is full.

Participation is free, with the following benefits and expectations:

- Receive access to materials online or via download;
- Discussion with Chinese studies specialist and fellow educators;
- \$75 completion award and certificate of completion for 15 hours.

Apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/TEAcourseregistration>

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