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## TEA Programs

### Register Now for TEA-NCTA Courses Beginning in January!

Registration for these four online courses is now open to teachers nationwide:

- **Online Seminar: *Chinese History through Its Dynasties (Secondary)*. January 17 – April 30, 2018. Application deadline: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, or when course fills.** Open to secondary social studies teachers, this 20-hour asynchronous NCTA seminar explores China's political, social, and cultural history through examination of six major dynasties: Qin, Han, Tang, Song, Ming, and Qing. In addition to investigating historical themes, participants will analyze exemplary curricula on each dynasty. **Details and registration.**
- **Online Book Group: *Street of Eternal Happiness*, by Rob Schmitz (Secondary). January 19 – March 15, 2018. Application deadline: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, or when group fills.** Secondary social studies, world literature, and Chinese language teachers are invited to discuss this acclaimed portrayal of contemporary China ideally suited for secondary classroom use. NPR journalist Rob Schmitz tells the stories of ordinary people in the Shanghai neighborhood he has called home, providing layers of complexity, individuality, and humanity to our understanding of 21st-century China. **Details and registration.**
- **Online Book Group: *Contemporary China in Short Stories: The Bridegroom: Stories*, by Ha Jin (High School). January 19 – March 12, 2018. Application deadline: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, or when group fills.** Open to high school social studies, world literature, and Chinese language teachers, this NCTA book group will consider classroom-applicable stories of contemporary China at the turn of the 21st century. National Book Award winner Ha Jin takes on changing family and courtship relations, the impact of American fast food on Chinese tastes and customer service, and other topics reflecting a changing China. **Details and registration.**
- **Online Seminar: *Japan: Past, Place, and People (Elementary)*. January 26 – April 17, 2018. Application deadline: Sunday, January 14, 2018, or when course fills.** Especially for elementary teachers who teach or would like to teach about Japan, this NCTA seminar introduces Japan's history, geography, and culture. Participants will consider cross-curricular ideas that integrate literacy and social studies strategies. **Details and registration.**

**For Northern Virginia Teachers:** TEA-NCTA is offering a three-part NCTA workshop series—February 10, March 3, and April 14, 2018. See details under **NCTA State and Local Opportunities.**

## Applications Open for NCTA-TEA Summer Institute on December 11!

**NCTA-TEA 2018 Summer Institute: *Uneasy Neighbors: Legacies and Challenges in 21st-Century East Asia*. July 8-14, 2018. Application deadline: Monday, March 19, 2018.** How and why are the nations of East Asia such uneasy neighbors? This institute will examine the recent past, present, and future of East Asian regional relations, considering China, Japan, Taiwan, and the Koreas. The program will lay the groundwork for current issues by deconstructing the region's "history problem"—the enduring legacies and hotly contested national narratives of 20th-century conflict. Participants will then focus on current topics—national strategies and their regional impact, territorial disputes, economic cooperation and rivalries, the environment, demographics—and prospects for the East Asian regional order of the future. The institute will be held on the CU Boulder campus. Applications open December 11, 2017; check the [TEA website](#).

## Now Available: New NCTA Class App Video for Secondary Teachers and Classrooms

**"Reading" *South Korea through Literature and Popular Culture*** is now available on the NCTA [Class Apps](#) page. Juxtaposing a K-pop music video and a famous Korean poem, Korean literature scholar Dafna Zur shares strategies for analyzing Korean cultural texts and avenues to access Korean literature in translation. A [resource guide](#) with lesson plans supports this Class App.

## National Opportunities

**NCTA Webinars.** The Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) has announced two new January webinars; teachers can also still register for its last December webinar. The upcoming webinars are:

- ***Games of Strategy: Modeling Conflict and Cooperation in Korea*. Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 7-8 p.m. EST.** Lauren McKee, Berea College. Register [here](#).
- ***Monstrous Archipelago: An Introduction to Japanese Yokai*. Thursday, January 18, 7-8 p.m. EST.** Mindy Landeck, Austin College. Register [here](#).
- ***Mapping Our Connections: Ties that Bind the US and Asia*. Tuesday, January 30, 7-8 p.m. EST.** Introduction to a collaborative digital mapping project. Register [here](#).

**NCTA Study Tour: *Asian Links: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*. June 27 – July 13, 2018 (tentative dates). Application deadline: Thursday, March 15, 2018.** NCTA is offering a 16-day study tour to China and Taiwan. The program will examine historical connections within and beyond Asia, China's belt and road ambitions, and Taiwan's efforts to strengthen ties to Southeast Asia. Teachers who have successfully completed 30 hours of NCTA-sponsored professional development programs and have not previously participated in an NCTA-sponsored study tour are eligible. This study tour is sponsored by the NCTA National Coordinating Site at the University of Southern California. [Full details and application packet](#).

**Study Tour: Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowship. June 25 – July 3, 2018 (tentative). Application deadline: Monday, February 19, 2018.** The Keizai Koho Center, in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies, offers this study tour for U.S. and Canadian secondary social studies teachers. The study tour

will be focused primarily in Tokyo and include school visits, meetings with scholars, visits to major Japanese companies, and a home stay. For more information, visit the program [website](#).

**NEH Summer Institutes. Application deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018.** The National Endowment for the Humanities annually sponsors a number of summer institutes for K-12 educators. Stipends cover most expenses for these one- to four-week in-depth studies of a humanities topic. Three 2018 institutes that teachers interested in Asia may find compelling are:

- *The Company Town at Seabrook Farms, NJ: Internment, Migration, and Resettlement in the WWII Era*, July 16 – 27, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. More [information](#).
- *Contested Territory: America's Involvement in Southeast Asia, 1945-1975*, July 16 – 27, National Humanities Center, Durham, NC. More [information](#).
- *Enduring Legacies of the Global Mongol Empire*, July 16 – August 10, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. More [information](#).

For a complete list of NEH summer programs, visit the NEH [website](#).

**Summer Institutes: *World War II in the Pacific: Clash of Nations and Perspectives*, June 24-29, 2018; *The Cold War, Korea, and Vietnam*, July 1-3, 2018.** The USS Midway Institute offers these two summer programs for history/social studies teachers. The programs feature presentations by scholars, veterans, and others, plus field trips to San Diego museums and experiences aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Midway*. For more information, visit the Midway Institute [website](#).

**Summer Institute: Korean War Digital History Project. June 24-27, 2018.**

**Application deadline: Thursday, May 31, 2018.** This summer program in Charleston, SC, will provide educators with an opportunity to work with historians and Korean War veterans to learn more about that conflict and its legacy. More information is available [here](#).

### *Previously Announced National Opportunities*

**Online Book Groups: *Graphic Novel Series* and *Freeman Book Award Series*.**

Teachers can still register in three of the book groups being offered by Asia for Educators and NCTA at Columbia University as part of their fall/winter series:

- *A Night in the Planetarium: A True Story about a Child, a Play and the Art of Resistance*, Freeman Book Award Series, December 13, 2017 – January 2, 2018.
- *Such a Lovely Little War: Saigon 1961-63 and The Best We Could Do*, Graphic Novel Series, December 13, 2017 – January 23, 2018.
- *The Good Earth* graphic adaptation, Graphic Novel Series, January 31 – February 27, 2018.

For more information and to register, visit the AFE [website](#).

**Study Tour: *China: Traditions, Trends, and Transformations*. June 15-26, 2018.**

**Application deadline: Friday, January 12, 2018.** University of North Carolina World View is sponsoring this study tour focusing on China's history, diversity, and educational system. Educators will take part in a preparatory workshop March 21-22, 2018, as well as a follow-up workshop in September. Cost to participants is \$5,400 plus \$250 for educators outside North Carolina. For more information or to register, visit World View's [website](#).

**SABEH Teacher Exchange. July – August 2018. Application deadline: Monday, January 15, 2018.** The Sino-American Bridge for Education and Health offers an opportunity for U.S. educators to teach English in China for three or four weeks during the summer, plus enjoy one week of travel within the country. The program emphasizes dynamic and creative approaches to teaching English as a foreign language. More information and application are available [here](#).

## Colorado Programs

***Technology and Culture Change Along the Proto Silk Road. Friday, December 15, 2017, 6:30 p.m.*** Dr. Rowan Flad of Harvard University will present the findings of his archaeological work in Gansu, China, looking at the changes on culture and society of Northwest China caused by the technology and technological change that migrated along the proto Silk Roads about 4000 years ago. A reception will follow the presentation at the Denver Art Museum (100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver). Admission is free but **registration** is requested.

**Taiko Concert: *Bizarre Heroes*. Saturday, January 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m.** On Ensemble infuses the powerful rhythms of Japanese taiko drumming with diverse musical elements, from jazz to hip-hop and Central Asian overtone singing. The concert will be at Littleton High School Theater (9199 E. Littleton Boulevard, Littleton); tickets (\$10) are available [here](#).

## NCTA State and Local Opportunities

**NCTA Workshop Series for Northern Virginia Teachers: *Teaching East Asia: Integrating Content and Skills for the 21st Century*. Application deadline: Monday, January 15, 2018, or when workshops fill.** This three-Saturday NCTA workshop series coordinated by TEA will address social studies knowledge and skill outcomes of the state of Virginia and northern Virginia school districts. Workshop topics are:

- ***China in the World: Legacies and Challenges***, Saturday, February 10, 9:00-3:00.
- ***Japan in the World: Legacies and Challenges***, March 3, 2018, 9:00-3:00.
- ***Visualizing East Asia: Classroom Applications from the Freer/Sackler***, April 14, 10:15-3:30.

Participants can register for one, two, or all three workshops; stipends and resources are available for each workshop. **Registration and more details**.

**NCTA Teaching About Asia Seminars in New Albany, IN; Berea, KY; Chicago, IL; and St. Paul, MN. Application deadline: Friday, December 15, 2017.** These 30-hour seminars will introduce K-12 educators to the histories and cultures of China, Japan, and Korea and include discussion of classroom resources and teaching strategies. Participation includes stipends, classroom enrichment grants, texts and materials, and a certificate of completion. Priority will be given to middle and high school teachers. Seminars in each city will meet on different days and at different times. For more information about any of the seminars, visit the [website](#) of the East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University.

**NCTA Seminar: *One Belt One Road: Connecting Asia and the World*. February 7 – April 25, 2018. Application deadline: Friday, January 12, 2018.** This interdisciplinary seminar will emphasize the interconnection among Asian states and with the rest of the world. The class is appropriate for teachers of comparative government, geography, literature, world history, and world cultures. The seminar will meet three hours weekly at Texas Christian University. For more information, email [Carrie Currier](mailto:Carrie.Currier@tcu.edu).

## Featured Resources

The **Asian Art Museum of San Francisco** offers an **extensive collection of online resources** for educators, including more than 100 downloadable lessons, videos suitable for both teacher background and the classroom, and its **TeachJapan.org** database of curated Japan-related art resources for educators from national and international partner sites. Check out the interactive activity options, which include “Creating Your Own Brush Painting” and “Explore a Han Dynasty Tomb.”

*Japanese Film Festival Magazine* is a helpful resource for teachers who use movies to teach about Japan. For example, a recent article discussed six movies useful in studying Japanese history. Another article looked at movies that featured some of Japan’s most scenic locations. Check out the magazine [here](#).

*National Geographic* recently published an article about tourism on the border between North and South Korea, accompanied by photographs of the DMZ and a video of the photographer, David Guttenfelder, describing his extensive work in North Korea. Access these useful resources [here](#).