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Applications Are Now Open for Winter-Spring Online Seminars and Book Groups from NCTA at TEA

The NCTA national coordinating site at TEA is offering the following programs for winter-spring 2019. All programs are open to teachers nationwide. Apply now to the course or book group of your choice!

- **Online Seminar: *Chinese History through Its Dynasties: Song, Ming, Qing.* January 14 – March 11, 2019. Application deadline: January 7, 2019 or when course fills.** This online seminar introduces significant elements of China's political, social, and cultural history through examination of its dynasties covering the period 960-1911 CE. In addition to investigating historical themes, participating high school teachers will analyze exemplary curriculum materials on the Song, Ming, and Qing dynasties. **Flyer and application.**
- **Online Seminar: *Cracking the Samurai Code: Separating Fact from Fiction.* January 14 – March 18, 2019. Application deadline: January 4, 2019 or when course fills.** Samurai are among the most recognizable—and most misinterpreted—of Japanese historical figures. With an emphasis on primary source readings, this course will look at scholarship on these warriors and consider how to use this high-interest “hook” in high school classrooms to effectively and accurately explore Japanese history in the Medieval and Tokugawa periods, as well as in popular culture today. **Flyer and application.**
- **Book Group: *Cries from the Iron House: Stories by Lu Xun.* January 17 – February 27, 2019. Application deadline: January 9, 2019 or when course fills.** High school teachers will explore the stories of a groundbreaking author whose life and writing exemplify the turbulence of China's early 20th century. Lu Xun's writings, which take on social ills, customs, and the desire for a new society, are touchstones in the development of modern Chinese literature. **Flyer and application.**
- **Online Discussion Group: *China in the News.* January 21 – March 9, 2019. Application deadline: January 7, 2019 or when course fills.** Secondary teachers will have the opportunity to examine contemporary China with Eric Fish, author of *China's Millennials: The Want Generation*. Participants will explore stories that have made headlines in China and the United States, focusing particularly on the effects of China's economic miracle on its people. **Flyer and application.**
- **Online Seminar: *Korea in the Modern World, Part 2: 1945-Present.* January 24 – March 27, 2019. Application deadline: January 10, 2019 or when course fills.** Secondary teachers will examine primary and secondary sources that focus on the political, economic, and cultural trajectories of North and South Korea in the

globalizing world and the future of the two Koreas. **Flyer and application.**

- **Book Group: *Japan through Children's Literature: J-Boys: Kazuo's World, Tokyo, 1965.* February 1 – March 26, 2019. Application deadline: January 17, 2019.** Intermediate and middle school teachers will explore this autobiographical historical fiction's themes and topics of post-World War II Japan, as seen through the eyes of a fourth-grade boy. **Flyer and application.**

Mark Your Calendars—Applications Open for NCTA-TEA Summer Institute on January 3, 2019

NCTA-TEA 2019 Summer Institute: *East Asia in the Early Modern World.* July 7-12, 2019 (tentative). Application deadline: March 18, 2019. What do sources from and about merchants, pirates, diplomats, missionaries, soldiers, and artists tell us about early modern East Asia? Examining various transborder voyagers, institutions, and practices that contributed to the formation of the interconnected East Asian world (1272-1842), this institute will offer secondary teachers an opportunity to work with scholars and specialists to consider East Asia as a system that included but transcended the collective national histories of China, Japan, and Korea. Teachers will learn about the political, economic, and cultural systems of the early modern East Asian world and reconsider narratives of encounters and conflicts with European imperialist powers. The institute will be held on the CU Boulder campus. Applications will be available on the TEA **website** beginning January 3, 2019.

National Opportunities

NCTA Webinars from FCCEAS. NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies is offering a number of webinars over the coming months:

- **“Are You an Echo?” with translator David Jacobson. December 11, 2018, 7 pm EST.** This webinar will explore the work of poet Misuzu Kaneko, who charmed Japan in the 1920s and was rediscovered years after her death, becoming one of Japan's best-loved children's poets. **Registration.**
- ***Green Island*, with author Shawna Yang Ryan. January 22, 2019, 7 pm EST.** Kamata's novel sweeps across six decades and two continents, shadowing the course of Taiwan's history from the end of Japanese colonial rule to decades under martial law and finally to its transformation into a democracy. **Registration.**
- ***A Girls' Guide to the Islands*, with author Suzanne Kamata. January 30, 2019, 7 pm EST.** American author Kamata tells the story of her exploration of the small islands of the Inland Sea, an adventure undertaken with her daughter, who is deaf and uses a wheelchair. Language, culture, and the generation gap posed challenges. **Registration.**
- ***Taiwan and the World.* March 5, 2019. 7 pm EST.** Join Professor James Lin of the University of Washington as he discusses Taiwan's place in the world today. **Registration.**

Asia for Educators-NCTA Online Book Groups. The NCTA national coordinating site at Columbia University is continuing its multiple series of online book groups this winter. Upcoming groups include the following:

- ***Laozi: The Dao Speaks.* December 12, 2018 – February 6, 2019.** Graphic Adaptations Series.

- ***Buddha: Kapilavastu Vol I and The Four Encounters Vol II. January 30 – March 19, 2019.*** Graphic Adaptations Series.
- ***Showa 1926-1939: A History of Japan. February 6 – April 9, 2019.*** Graphic Novels Series.

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

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Semester Research Program for U.S. Teachers. Application deadline: January 15, 2019. This program provides an opportunity for K-12 educators to take part in a three- to six-month professional development experience abroad. Taiwan is among the locations in which teachers can pursue their individual inquiry projects and take courses at a host university. For more information, visit the [website](#) of IREX, which administers the program for the U.S. State Department.

Keizai Koho Center Teacher Study Tour to Japan. June 24 – July 1, 2019.

Application deadline: February 1, 2019. This program for teachers in grades 6-12 will take place primarily in Tokyo and will include visits to Japanese schools and businesses, interaction with scholars and experts on Japanese education and society, home stays, and cultural activities. More information is available [here](#).

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Teach in China – Summer 2019. Application deadline: January 15, 2019. SABEH (Sino-American Bridge for Education and Health) offers three- to four-week opportunities to teach in China during July and August 2019. Participating K-12 teachers experience Chinese culture, schools, teaching, travel, and collaboration with Chinese and American colleagues. More information and an application are available on the SABEH [website](#).

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Rhode Island NCTA Seminar: *Human and Physical Geography of East Asia.* January 12 – March 2, 2019. This 30-hour seminar will look at past and contemporary issues through a geographic lens. The seminar will be held on five Saturdays at Rhode Island College in Providence. [Flyer and registration.](#)

Washington NCTA Seminar: *The Silk Roads: Yesterday and Today.* January 23, February 13, and March 20, 2019. 4:30-8:30 pm. This face-to-face seminar will use readings, movie clips, class discussion, and lesson plans to explore Silk Road history/geography and grapple with the significance today. The seminar will meet at Mariner High School in Everett, WA. [Details and registration.](#)

New York NCTA Seminar: *China, Korea, Japan – Historical and Contemporary.* January 26 – March 20, 2019. This seminar, which will provide content and resources for teaching about China, Korea, and Japan, will include four Saturday meetings in Ithaca, plus six webinars. [Flyer and registration.](#)

Northwest Indiana NCTA Seminar: *Teaching about Asia.* March 2 – May 4, 2019. Registration deadline: February 8, 2019. This NCTA seminar will provide a broad overview of the history, society, and culture of China, Japan, and Korea. The seminar will combine four in-class and four online sessions, plus a field trip to the Art Institute of

Chicago's Asian collection. All sessions will be on Saturday morning, with in-class sessions held in Gary. **Details and registration.**

Featured Resource

At the recent National Council for the Social Studies Conference in Chicago, NCTA sponsored a talk by Michael Meyer. Meyer is the author of three books on China: *The Last Days of Old Beijing: Life in the Vanishing Backstreets of a City Transformed*; *In Manchuria: A Village Called Wasteland and the Transformation of Rural China*; and the memoir *The Road to Sleeping Dragon: Learning China from the Ground Up*. In writing ***The Road to Sleeping Dragon***, the focus of his NCSS talk, Meyer hoped it would be used by students to discover what it was like to learn a culture from "the ground up." All three books were published by Bloomsbury Press and are available from Amazon and other booksellers.