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Announcing TEA-NCTA National Online Courses for Winter-Spring 2020!

New Book Group: *Factory Girls: Then and Now*. January 25 – March 13, 2020.

Factory Girls, a *New York Times* Notable Book in 2008, has new relevance in 2020 in the context of China's slowing economy and trade frictions. This course will delve into the human face of China's migrant factory population and consider how domestic and global factors impact the lives of China's industrial workforce. **Flyer and application.**

New Book Group: *Bullets and Opium: Reflections on China 30 Years After Tiananmen*. January 16 – February 26, 2020.

This book group will do close readings of specific chapters of the 2019 book *Bullets and Opium* to offer participants a deeper understanding of the events surrounding the Tiananmen protests, their repercussions, and their place in Chinese history. This semester's book group will focus on the stories in Part II of the book. **Flyer and application.**

Film Group: *China's City Dreams: Urbanization, Demolition, and the Chaos of Reality*. January 15 – March 6, 2020.

This course examines key issues in contemporary China through three films, each of which explores China's explosive urbanization in an unconventional and provocative way. These films explore the consequences of rapid urbanization and help us understand that, for many living in China today, the rise of the city as a beacon of progress is an illusion hiding the chaotic reality that unchecked urbanization has rendered upon people's lives. **Flyer and application.**

Online Seminar: *Chinese History through Its Dynasties: Song, Ming, Qing*. January 17 – April 3, 2020.

This seminar introduces significant elements of China's political, social, and cultural history through the examination of China's dynasties covering the period 960-1911 CE. High school social studies teachers investigate historical themes and analyze exemplary curriculum materials on the Song, Ming, and Qing dynasties. **Flyer and application.**

New Seminar: *East Asia in the Early Modern World*. January 23 – April 13, 2020.

In this seminar, secondary teachers will gain an understanding of 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 course examines East Asia's overlooked international relations through primary and secondary sources. **Flyer and application.**

New Book Group: *Japan through Children's Literature: Dreaming of Noodles*.

January 31 – April 9, 2020. K-8 teachers will explore the themes of the early post-war period, minorities and identity in Japan, and food culture through recent children's books, *A Place to Belong* by Cynthia Kadohata and *Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando* by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Kana Urbanowicz. In addition, participants will discuss classroom applications for language arts and social studies. **Flyer and application.**

Northern Virginia and DC Area Teachers:

NCTA is offering a three-workshop series for the 2019-2020 school year. **Registration for the December workshop has closed.** Learn about the February and March workshops **here**. Registration for February and March workshops will open January 5, 2020. Look for the announcement in our January E-news.

National Opportunities

NCTA National Online Seminar: Taiwan: *Identity and Place in the World Today*. January 20 – March 29, 2020. Application deadline: January 3, 2020. The NCTA national coordinating site at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies will present this online seminar. Participants will consider Taiwanese identity today through the lenses of history and culture. What makes Taiwan unique? How have history and culture formed—and continue to form—images of Taiwan, both within the island and beyond? **Registration.**

2020 Keizai Koho Center Study Tour to Japan. June 22-30, 2020 (tentative). Application deadline: January 15, 2020. This study tour for middle and high school educators aims to deepen participants' understanding of Japan and contribute to international mutual understanding across the Pacific. Participants interact with Japanese students, teachers, scholars, and business leaders and enjoy traditional and contemporary Japanese culture. **Information and registration.**

2020 Korean Research Trip. June 30 – July 11, 2020. Application deadline: January 15, 2020. World History Digital Education seeks social studies teachers, staff developers, and supervisors to take part in a research trip to South Korea showcasing the challenges, outcomes, and legacies of the Korean War. Participants will also take part in pre-trip webinars, readings, and discussion; following the trip, they will develop a lesson and present it to other educators. **Registration.**

Columbia NCTA Online Book Groups: *Understanding China Through Comics, Graphic Novels, and Drama*. January – February 2020. The NCTA national coordinating site at Columbia's Weatherhead Institute is offering three book groups in January and February, each running at a different time period. Two book groups focus on comics, the third on the graphic novel *A Chinese Life*. More information is available **here**.

USS Midway Museum 2020 Summer Institutes. Application deadline: March 8, 2020. The USS Midway Museum in San Diego is hosting two summer institutes in 2020:

- *The Cold War, Korea and Vietnam*. June 28 – July 11, 2020.
- *World War II in the Pacific: Clash of Nations and Perspectives*. July 12-18, 2020.

For more information, visit the Museum **website**.

Previously Announced National Opportunities

NCTA Webinar: *Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War*, December 10, 7-8 pm EST. NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies is offering one final webinar before the end of the year, featuring author Susan Southard. [Registration](#).

Teach in China—Summer 2020. Application deadline: January 15, 2020. SABEH (Sino-American Bridge for Education and Health) offers three- to four-week opportunities to teach in China during July and August 2020. 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](#).

Colorado Programs

High School Student Exchange Program to Japan. June 3-19, 2020. Application deadline: December 18, 2019. Ten high school students in the Denver Metro area will have the opportunity to visit Tokyo, Takayama, Hiroshima, and Kyoto; spend six nights in homestays; and visit many iconic sites in Japan. This program is sponsored by the Denver-Takayama Sister City Committee. Cost is \$3,500 including airfare. More [information](#).

NCTA State and Local Programs

Northern Virginia and DC Area Teachers: For winter-spring 2020, NCTA is offering two workshops. These workshops are sponsored by the NCTA national coordinating site at the University of Colorado. Learn about the February and March workshops [here](#). Registration for these workshops will open January 5, 2020. Check back then.

NCTA Massachusetts Seminar: *Human and Physical Geography of East Asia: A View of the Past and Contemporary Issues*. January 4 – February 8, 2020. This seminar welcomes teachers, librarians, and administrators interested in incorporating East Asia into their curriculum. The seminar will provide content and resources for teaching about China, Japan, and Korea. The seminar will meet on Saturdays from 9 am – 3 pm at Lexington High School. [Information and registration](#).

NCTA New York Seminar: *China, Korea, Japan*. February 29 – May 16. Participants in this Ithaca seminar will meet monthly on Saturdays and take part in six webinars as they learn about East Asia and how to incorporate it into their curriculum. [Information and registration](#).

NCTA Texas Seminar: *Journey to Asia: A Cultural, Historical, and Political Overview*. January 29 – April 8, 2020. This seminar will emphasize the interconnections among Asian states and the rest of the world while exploring the cult of personality in authoritarian states, globalization and sport in Asia, the sociology of food and drink, and more. The seminar will meet three hours weekly at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. For more information or to register, contact c.currier@tcu.edu.

Featured Resources

The classic unit *China on the World Stage* from the Brown University Choices Project has been revised and updated. The significant updates include attention to the recent U.S.-China confrontation over trade; new information on China's environmental situation and policies; new information and primary sources on the current human rights situation for Uighers in Xinjiang, the pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, and the situation in Tibet; China's "Belt and Road Initiative" in South America and Africa; the "Made in China 2025" high tech manufacturing program, and more. The unit is available in print, pdf, and digital formats. Visit the Choices [website](#) for more information.

Facing History and Ourselves and the Smithsonian Institution have developed an eight-poster set based on the National Museum of American History exhibit *Righting a Wrong*. The exhibit traced the story of Japanese national and Japanese American incarceration during World War II. The posters present eight questions that encourage viewers to discuss how this happened and whether it could happen again. The posters and supporting materials can be downloaded [here](#).