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TEA Programs

Happy Year of the Tiger! 新年快乐!

Apply now for TEA-NCTA 2022 Residential Summer Institute! *Considering Early Modern East Asia through Maritime History*, July 11 – 15, 2022. From the 14th to 19th centuries, the sea closely linked countries of East Asia through economic, diplomatic, and cultural exchange and war. This institute focuses on regional history through lenses of sea-based transborder peoples, institutions, and practices and reconsiders encounters and conflicts with European powers. Takes place on the CU-Boulder campus; materials, travel, lodging, and meals provided. Application deadline March 14. [Application](#).

TEA-NCTA Book Group: *Temple Alley Summer*. February 11 – April 12. A few spaces remain for this course for intermediate-elementary and middle-school teachers. Course considers Japanese children's summer activities, cultural traditions and beliefs, and the fantasy genre in Japanese children's literature through this story of a fifth-grade student's supernatural adventure during summer break. [Flyer and application](#).

National Opportunities

Asia Community at the National Council for Social Studies. February 1-6. A recorded panel, "What you should know about Taiwan," is available at the virtual conference from February 2-6. On February 6, 10:30 am ET, Representative Hsiao Bi-khim of the Taiwanese Economic and Cultural Representative Office will address the conference theme "Democracy Ready" with remarks on Taiwan's democratization process and challenges. To access these and other Asia-related sessions, see [details](#).

Live Traditions Webinar: Japanese Pop Culture: Connecting the World through Manga and Anime. February 15, 7-8 pm ET. The Japan Society hosts this exploration of Japanese pop culture, which has become an increasingly significant part of the cultural conversation across the globe. Panelists include manga creator Julia Mechler and specialists Roland Kelts and Bill Tsutsui. [Details](#).

Exploring Manga, Science, Peace & Politics: The Path of Snakes & Ladders. February 19, 10 am-12 pm ET. The Ohio State University hosts this workshop exploring a historical Japanese board game (*sugoroku*) that teaches children both the basics of physical science and world history. [Details](#).

Japanese Women at War and Peace: Gender on the Homefront and Occupied Japan.

Begins March 12. Offered by University of Pittsburgh NCTA, this course considers how Japanese women navigated domestic life during and after World War II. [Schedule and details.](#)

The 2022 National Chinese Speech Contest (NCSC) is now accepting online applications from students. The Contest is organized by AAICE (American Academy of International Culture and Education), and collaborated by CLTA (The Chinese Language Teachers Association). The deadline for applying online is February 28th, followed by the final competition on April 9th and 10th. [Details.](#)

Annual National Chinese Language Conference. April 22-24. This year's conference will be a virtual, three-day interactive event that takes an in-depth view of the Chinese language and culture field and envisions its future. [Registration.](#)

Previously Mentioned National Opportunities

Winter Webinars from NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies. Open to K-12 educators and the general public.

- **Mao and Music: Songs and Memories of the Cultural Revolution. February 10, 7-8 pm ET.** Presenter: Dr. Lei X. Ouyang. [Register.](#)
- **Contemporary Art and Ecology. February 15, 7-8 pm ET.** Presenters: Zheng Bo and Yao Wu. [Register.](#)
- **Virtual Kyoto Garden Tour and Virtual Sencha (green tea) Tasting:** monthly virtual tours through April. Check [details](#) for next dates.

Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award Competition Deadline Extended. Administered by EngageAsia and open to current full-time K-12 classroom teachers, this award is offered in two categories, Humanities and Japanese Language, and honors top teachers who have dedicated their careers to furthering mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese. The application deadline for the 2021 award in the Humanities category has been extended to April 15, 2022. [Details and application.](#)

Call for Manuscripts: Teaching Asia in Middle School. The editors of *Education about Asia* seek manuscripts for this forthcoming theme issue. Submissions may be articles and teaching resource essays intended for middle-grade instructors. [Details.](#) The deadline for initial manuscripts for this issue is May 20, 2022.

Colorado Programs

The 2022 Lunar New Year of the Water Tiger, February 12, 8 pm. Presented by the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company at Lone Tree Arts Center. [Details and tickets.](#)

Colorado Dragon Boat Film Festival. March 3 – 6. Featuring films, community conversations, and special events that highlight the power of filmmaking within Asian communities. Denver Sie FilmCenter. [Details and passes.](#)

***Washi Transformed: New Expressions in Japanese Paper.* January 29 – May 15.** Exhibition of nine contemporary Japanese artists and their unexpected creations using traditional Japanese paper. Longmont Museum. [Details and tickets.](#)

NCTA State and Regional Programs

***Arkansas: Teaching Confucian, Daoism, and Buddhism: New Approaches to the Foundations of Chinese Thought.* February 25 – 26.** Interactive workshop for Arkansas teachers new to teaching Asian religions. [Details.](#)

Featured Resources

Look closely! The National Museum of Asian Art (NMAA) has a rich [menu of lessons and other resources](#) for developing visual literacy skills in social studies, literature, and, of course, art units through exploration of pieces of East Asian art. One of their newer projects, *Teaching China with the Smithsonian*, has over 20 complete lesson plans. Take a look at "[Cultural Exchange in the Tang Dynasty](#)" and "[Ways of Seeing: Connecting Poetry and Painting](#)" or for Japan, "[Hokusai and Slow Looking.](#)"