Open to Secondary Teachers Nationwide
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Overview. The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder invites applications for this “Contemporary Issues” course considering China’s role in the global fight against climate change.

China has committed to becoming a leader in renewable energy technology, but air pollution, water scarcity, and overall environmental degradation continue to impact the health of local people and challenge China’s continued economic growth. Through three weekly case studies, participants will examine how the Chinese government and citizen activist groups are responding to these challenges. Our instructor for this course is Dr. Lauren Collins, University of Colorado.

Online Format and Dates. The course will be conducted through three asynchronous modules with one required and one optional live class sessions. The course begins with short introduction assignments, January 22-27, followed by three modules: January 28-February 3; February 4-10; and February 11-17. A required live film discussion will take place February 8 and an additional optional live discussion will take place February 16, both at 7 pm ET. Please check course dates to be sure that you can participate fully. Curriculum Implementation Plans are due March 3, 2023.

Eligibility. This course is open to secondary school teachers nationwide. Admission is selective, with priority given to contract teachers whose 2022-23 course assignments include world geography, 21st-century China, or global issues.

Expectations and Benefits. Participation is free. To qualify for full benefits, participants must contribute substantively to discussions, complete an evaluation, and submit a brief paper describing ways to use the course content in their teaching. Benefits for full participation include:

- Certificate of Completion for 20 professional development contact hours.
- $70 Amazon gift card as completion stipend.
- Additional two professional development contact hours and $15 stipend for participation in optional live discussion.

Apply online at http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/content/China. Registration is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes January 13, 2023 or when course fills. For more information, e-mail paris1@colorado.edu or lauren.collins@colorado.edu.