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, October 30-November 5, followed by three modules: November 6-12; November 13-19; and an extended module November 20-December 2 to accommodate Thanksgiving break. A required live film discussion will take place November 16 and an additional optional live discussion will take place November 30, both at 8 pm ET. Please check course dates to be sure that you can participate fully. Curriculum Implementation Plans are due December 17.

Eligibility. This course is open to secondary school teachers nationwide. Admission is selective, with priority given to contract teachers whose courses for 2022-23 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 October 24 or when course fills. For more information, e-mail parisi@colorado.edu or lauren.collins@colorado.edu.