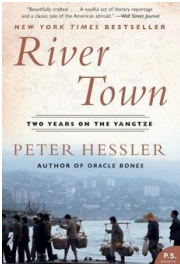


THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AT THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA

Headwaters: China's River Policies and Their Regional Impact Online Course: May 22 – June 26, 2021

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 new contemporary issues course. The course will explore China's geographic advantage as the home to the headwaters of seven of Asia's major rivers and will assess the implications of massive hydropower projects on energy, environmental, and human rights issues in China and in the region. Beginning with a consideration of Three Gorges Dam's impact over two decades, the course will then explore China's current hydropower energy needs in the context of "dam diplomacy" in greater Asia.

Participants will read and discuss excerpts from the 2001 book, *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze*, by Peter Hessler, along with a variety of source materials, including contemporary interviews, film, investigative news reports, and podcasts appropriate for secondary classroom use. Our instructor for this course is Dr. Lauren Collins, University of Montana.



Online Format and Expectations. The course will be conducted asynchronously through a one-week introduction and four one-week modules, with one required and one optional live one-hour discussion. Participants will be responsible for purchasing *River Town*, available in print and online formats. Additional readings and video assignments will be provided on the course site. Teachers who wish to receive full benefits must contribute substantively to discussions, complete an evaluation form, and submit a four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the course content in their teaching. Teachers who complete the asynchronous course and required webinar will receive a certificate for 20 professional development contact hours, plus an additional contact hour for the optional live meeting.

Eligibility and Selection: This course is open to secondary school teachers. Admission is selective, with priority given to contract teachers whose courses for 2021-22 includes world geography, 21st-century China, or global issues and who are not enrolling in other online programs during the dates of this course.

Course Dates: The course begins with an introduction period May 22-26, 2021 and continues with 4 one-week modules: May 27-June 5, June 6-12; June 13-19, and June 20-26. The required live webinar/discussion will take place **June 8**, the optional live discussion **June 22**. **Please check course dates to be sure that you can participate fully.** Curriculum Implementation Plans are due **July 15, 2021**.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation, as outlined above:

- Certificate of Completion for 20-21 professional development contact hours.
- \$75 Amazon gift card as completion stipend.

Apply online at <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/content/China>. Registration is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes May 17, or when course fills. For more information, e-mail parisi@colorado.edu or lauren.collins@mso.umt.edu.