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# THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AND THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Fall 2020



## *Negotiating Modernity: Inquiries into Meiji and Taishō Japan (1868-1930)*

### **A Professional Development Seminar for Iowa Secondary Teachers**

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What are the processes of modernization and the characteristics of modernity? How did Japan become a modern nation and a modern power at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? This free online course, for secondary (6-12) social studies teachers in Iowa, will examine the process of modernization in Japan (1868-1930) through primary (written and visual) and secondary sources. Participating teachers will assess multiple historical narratives and consider aspects of Meiji and Taishō history as case studies in world history instruction. Per the Iowa Social Studies Standards, course sessions are designed to integrate content outcomes with skills-based learning and disciplinary literacy. The course will emphasize visual image analysis and inquiry learning strategies. This course is offered by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the University of Colorado. The course instructor is Catherine Mein, Iowa State NCTA Coordinator and Ballard High School (IA) history teacher.

**Course Format and Expectations:** The course will be conducted through 1) two asynchronous online modules each consisting of pertinent readings and videos, as well as participant discussion forums on content and pedagogy; and 2) two synchronous live meetings for curriculum demonstration and discussion. The course starts September 30, 2020, with introductions. The first module will begin October 4, and the final module will conclude on November 21, 2020. A final paper and evaluation will be due December 5, 2020. The first module will be four weeks long and the second module will be three weeks.

**Eligibility and Application:** Secondary social studies teachers who teach in Iowa are invited to apply. Enrollment is limited to 20 teachers; applications will be accepted on a rolling admission basis. Application closes September 25, 2020, or when course is full.

**Program Costs and Benefits:** Participants receive:

- 20 contact hours of study, curriculum, and discussion with Japan studies specialists and fellow educators.
- 1 license renewal credit (pending approval).
- Course materials including curriculum resources incorporating primary sources.
- \$75 Amazon gift card upon satisfactory completion of the course.
- Certificate of completion for 20 hours.

Apply online at [www.colorado.edu/ptea/IANCTA-reg](http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/IANCTA-reg). For more information, contact NCTA Staff Associate, Catherine Ishida at [Catherine.Ishida@colorado.edu](mailto:Catherine.Ishida@colorado.edu) or [Catherine Mein](#), Iowa State NCTA Coordinator.

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