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No Time to Lose: Register Now for TEA-NCTA Courses Beginning Soon!

A few slots remain in these online courses open to teachers nationwide:

- **Online Book Group: *Street of Eternal Happiness*, by Rob Schmitz (Secondary).** January 19 – March 15, 2018. **Application deadline: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, or when group fills.** Secondary social studies, world literature, and Chinese language teachers are invited to discuss this acclaimed portrayal of contemporary China ideally suited for secondary classroom use. NPR journalist Rob Schmitz tells the stories of ordinary people in the Shanghai neighborhood he has called home, providing layers of complexity, individuality, and humanity to our understanding of 21st-century China. **Details and registration.**
- **Online Book Group: *Contemporary China in Short Stories: The Bridegroom: Stories*, by Ha Jin (High School).** January 19 – March 12, 2018. **Application deadline: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, or when group fills.** Open to high school social studies, world literature, and Chinese language teachers, this NCTA book group will consider classroom-applicable stories of contemporary China at the turn of the 21st century. National Book Award winner Ha Jin takes on changing family and courtship relations, the impact of American fast food on Chinese tastes and customer service, and other topics reflecting a changing China. **Details and registration.**
- **Online Seminar: *Japan: Past, Place, and People* (Elementary).** January 26 – April 17, 2018. **Application deadline: Sunday, January 14, 2018, or when course fills.** Especially for elementary teachers who teach or would like to teach about Japan, this NCTA seminar introduces Japan's history, geography, and culture. Participants will consider cross-curricular ideas that integrate literacy and social studies strategies. **Details and registration.**

For Northern Virginia Teachers: TEA-NCTA is offering a three-part NCTA workshop series—February 10, March 3, and April 14, 2018. See details under **NCTA State and Local Opportunities.**

Applications Now Being Accepted for NCTA-TEA Summer Institute!

NCTA-TEA 2018 Summer Institute: *Uneasy Neighbors: Legacies and Challenges in 21st-Century East Asia*. July 8-14, 2018. **Application deadline: Monday, March 19, 2018.** How and why are the nations of East Asia such uneasy neighbors? This institute will examine the recent past, present, and future of East Asian regional relations, considering China, Japan, Taiwan, and the Koreas. The program will lay the groundwork

for current issues by deconstructing the region's "history problem"—the enduring legacies and hotly contested national narratives of 20th-century conflict. Participants will then focus on current topics—national strategies and their regional impact, territorial disputes, economic cooperation and rivalries, the environment, demographics—and prospects for the East Asian regional order of the future. The institute will be held on the CU Boulder campus. [Details and application.](#)

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NCTA Teaching East Asian Literature Workshop. July 8-13, 2018. Application deadline: Friday, March 16, 2018. Now in its 20th year, this residential workshop sponsored by the East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University offers lectures and discussions on the literatures and histories of China, Japan, and Korea led by professors and other experts. Also provided are strategy sessions on how to teach the works at the high school level. Priority is given to high school teachers, but K-8 teachers may also apply. For more details, visit the EASC [website](#).

Online Course for Students: Sejong Korean Scholars Program. Application deadline: Saturday, January 20, 2018. High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in Korea or international relations can apply for this rigorous online course taught by university professors. Topics covered include Korean history and culture, U.S.-Korean relations, and current events. The program is offered by the Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford and the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education. For more information or to apply, visit the SPICE [website](#).

Study Tour: Morocco Spring Break Tour. March 10-17, 2018. This trip sponsored by the University of Texas Center for Middle Eastern Studies and GEEEO will explore the history and geography of Morocco. To register, visit the GEEEO [website](#). For information about funding available to help defray the \$1449 cost, email Kathryn Aslan at kaslan@austin.utexas.edu.

Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms. Application deadline: Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and IREX sponsor this year-long professional development fellowship for elementary, middle, and high school teachers. The program is designed to enhance teachers' ability to internationalize the classroom and to support teachers in becoming leaders in preparing students to work and collaborate in multiple cultural contexts. The program includes an online course, symposium in Washington, DC, and international field experience. For more information and to apply, visit the IREX [website](#).

Study Tour: *Education in China*. July 9-18, 2018. Application deadline: Tuesday, April 17, 2018. With EF Educational Tours, the National Council for the Social Studies is offering this 10-day study tour to China, designed to give participants a deeper understanding of the largest educational system in the world. You must be an NCSS member to apply. For more information, visit the NCSS [website](#).

Previously Announced National Opportunities

NCTA Webinars. The Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) is offering two January webinars:

***Monstrous Archipelago: An Introduction to Japanese Yokai.* Thursday, January 18, 7-8 p.m. EST.** Mindy Landeck, Austin College. Register [here](#).

- ***Mapping Our Connections: Ties that Bind the US and Asia.* Tuesday, January 30, 7-8 p.m. EST.** Introduction to a collaborative digital mapping project. Register [here](#).

NCTA Study Tour: *Asian Links: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.* June 27 – July 13, 2018 (tentative dates). **Application deadline: Thursday, March 15, 2018.** NCTA is offering a 16-day study tour to China and Taiwan. The program will examine historical connections within and beyond Asia, China's belt and road ambitions, and Taiwan's efforts to strengthen ties to Southeast Asia. Teachers who have successfully completed 30 hours of NCTA-sponsored professional development programs and have not previously participated in an NCTA-sponsored study tour are eligible. This study tour is sponsored by the NCTA National Coordinating Site at the University of Southern California. **Full details and application packet.**

Study Tour: *China: Traditions, Trends, and Transformations.* June 15-26, 2018. **Application deadline: Friday, January 12, 2018.** University of North Carolina World View is sponsoring this study tour focusing on China's history, diversity, and educational system. Educators will take part in a preparatory workshop March 21-22, 2018, as well as a follow-up workshop in September. Cost to participants is \$5,400 plus \$250 for educators outside North Carolina. For more information or to register, visit World View's [website](#).

SABEH Teacher Exchange. July – August 2018. Application deadline: Monday, January 15, 2018. The Sino-American Bridge for Education and Health offers an opportunity for U.S. educators to teach English in China for three or four weeks during the summer, plus enjoy one week of travel within the country. The program emphasizes dynamic and creative approaches to teaching English as a foreign language. More information and application are available [here](#).

Study Tour: Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowship. June 25 – July 2, 2018. **Application deadline: Monday, February 19, 2018.** The Keizai Koho Center, in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies, offers this study tour for U.S. and Canadian secondary social studies teachers. The study tour will be focused primarily in Tokyo and include school visits, meetings with scholars, visits to major Japanese companies, and a home stay. For more information, visit the program [website](#).

NEH Summer Institutes. Application deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018. The National Endowment for the Humanities annually sponsors a number of summer institutes for K-12 educators. Stipends cover most expenses for these one- to four-week in-depth studies of a humanities topic. Three 2018 institutes that teachers interested in Asia may find compelling are:

- ***The Company Town at Seabrook Farms, NJ: Internment, Migration, and Resettlement in the WWII Era,* July 16-27, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.** More [information](#).
- ***Contested Territory: America's Involvement in Southeast Asia, 1945-1975,* July 16-27, National Humanities Center, Durham, NC.** More [information](#).
- ***Enduring Legacies of the Global Mongol Empire,* July 16-August 10, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.** More [information](#).

For a complete list of NEH summer programs, visit the NEH [website](#).

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Lecture: *China's Global Aspirations*. Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 5:30-7:30 p.m. David J. Firestein of the University of Texas China Public Policy Center will present this talk on China's goals in the current international climate. The event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Denver-Downtown (1400 Welton St.). For tickets, visit the World Denver [website](#).

Museum Exhibit: *Connecting the Pieces: Dialogues on the Amache Archaeology Collection*. Runs through Saturday, March 17, 2018. The University of Denver Museum of Anthropology (Sturm Hall, 2000 E. Asbury Ave., Denver) is presenting this exhibit of artifacts that reveal the stories of the 10,000 Japanese Americans who lived at the Amache camp. The museum is typically open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays; to make arrangements for a special showing, call 303-871-2687 or email anne.amati@du.edu.

Previously Announced Colorado Programs

Taiko Concert: *Bizarre Heroes*. Saturday, January 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m. On Ensemble infuses the powerful rhythms of Japanese taiko drumming with diverse musical elements, from jazz to hip-hop and Central Asian overtone singing. The concert will be at Littleton High School Theater (9199 E. Littleton Boulevard, Littleton); tickets (\$10) are available [here](#).

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

NCTA Workshop Series for Northern Virginia Teachers: *Teaching East Asia: Integrating Content and Skills for the 21st Century*. Application deadline: Monday, January 15, 2018, or when workshops fill. This three-Saturday NCTA workshop series coordinated by TEA will address social studies knowledge and skill outcomes of the state of Virginia and northern Virginia school districts. Workshop topics are:

- *China in the World: Legacies and Challenges*, Saturday, February 10, 9:00-3:00.
- *Japan in the World: Legacies and Challenges*, March 3, 2018, 9:00-3:00.
- *Visualizing East Asia: Classroom Applications from the Freer/Sackler*, April 14, 10:15-3:30.

Participants can register for one, two, or all three workshops; stipends and resources are available for each workshop. [Registration and more details](#).

NCTA Seminar: *One Belt One Road: Connecting Asia and the World*. February 7 – April 25, 2018. Application deadline: Friday, January 12, 2018. This interdisciplinary seminar will emphasize the interconnection among Asian states and with the rest of the world. The class is appropriate for teachers of comparative government, geography, literature, world history, and world cultures. The seminar will meet three hours weekly at Texas Christian University. For more information, email [Carrie Currier](#).

