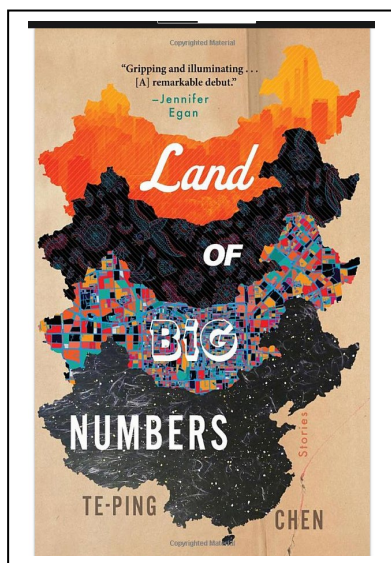


THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
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Land of Big Numbers: Linking Literature & Current Issues

Open to Secondary Teachers Nationwide
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The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications for this online course tying the 2021 book collection of short stories, *Land of Big Numbers* to contemporary social and economic issues in China.

Overview: *The New Yorker* described Te-Ping Chen's *Land of Big Numbers* as containing "the unadorned clarity of the very best newspaper writing and the inspired, weird, poetic inventions of fiction." Chen, a journalist turned author, offers short stories that examine the lives of individuals navigating the complexities of life in 21st-century China. In this four-week, 14-hour NCTA book group, participants will read four stories in the critically acclaimed *Land of Big Numbers*. The stories explore issues of state opposition, historical memory, and inequalities within China's booming economy. Each story will be accompanied by non-fiction background reading to establish context.

Online Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted through four asynchronous online modules plus two optional live evening discussions after Modules Two and Four. Participants will purchase the short-story collection, available on Amazon in multiple formats. Additional readings will be provided on the course website. Teachers who wish to receive full benefits must contribute substantively to all module discussions and submit an evaluation and a four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the course content in their teaching.

Eligibility and Selection: This course is open to secondary school literature, social studies, history, and Chinese language teachers. Admission is selective, with priority given to grade 9-12 contract teachers whose required curriculum in one of these subject areas includes 21st-century China and who are not enrolling in multiple concurrent NCTA programs during the dates of this course.

Book Group Dates: The course begins with online introductions January 15 and continues with four one-week modules: January 23-29; January 30-February 5; February 6-12; and February 13-19. Curriculum Implementation Plans and evaluations are due March 19, 2022.

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

- Certificate of Completion for 14-16 professional development contact hours, depending on participation in 2 optional live Zoom meetings.
- \$60-\$80 Amazon gift card as completion stipend, depending on Zoom meeting participation.

Apply online at <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/ChinaNumbers> beginning December 2, 2021.

Registration is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes January 4, 2022, or when the course fills.
For more information, e-mail parisi@colorado.edu.