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## TEA Programs

### Join an NCTA “Summer Movie Night” and Other Online Offerings from TEA in June and July. Register Now!

Just in case movie theaters are not yet open, NCTA at TEA is offering “Summer Movie Nights”—live Zoom discussions of feature films on China, Japan, and Korea. Each film discussion will focus on a feature film with secondary classroom applications for teaching about history, contemporary issues, and culture. In addition, TEA-NCTA is offering several webinars and a three-week series of “drop-in” discussion groups. See details below.

**NCTA Summer Movie Night. June 17 – July 14.** All films are available for inexpensive or free streaming online. Participants will receive viewing/discussion questions in advance and then will join a live discussion on movie night. Certificates provided for three professional development contact hours per film. Participation limited; pre-registration required. Zoom video and audio via tablet or computer required. BYO popcorn.

- ***Mainland (China and US, 2017).*** *Mainland* follows two affluent and cosmopolitan teenagers as they settle into a boarding school in rural Maine. Viewing window: Prior to June 17. **Online live discussion group: June 17, 2020, 7 pm ET.** Moderator: Lauren Collins, University of Montana. **Registration.**
- ***Godzilla (Gojira) (Japan, 1954).*** When an American hydrogen bomb test conducted in the Pacific Ocean destroys his habitat, Godzilla rises to the surface to wreak revenge, eventually attacking Tokyo. Inspired by the Lucky Dragon tragedy. Viewing window: Prior to June 24. **Online live discussion group: June 24, 2020, 7 pm ET.** Moderator William Tsutsui, Hendrix College. **Registration.**
- ***Ode to My Father (Korea, 2014).*** This blockbuster film reflects on key events and themes in modern Korean history through the lens of one man’s life. Viewing window: Prior to June 30. **Online live**

**discussion group: June 30, 2020, 7 pm ET.** Moderator: Jae Won Chung, Rutgers University. **Registration.**

- ***Red Sorghum (China, 1987).*** Directed by Fifth Generation filmmaker Zhang Yimou, the film portrays rural life at a sorghum distillery during the Second Sino-Japanese War. Viewing window: Prior to July 7. **Online live discussion group: July 7, 2020, 7 pm ET.** Moderator: Lynn Kalinauskas, University of Colorado Boulder. **Registration.**
- ***Your Name (Japan, 2016).*** In this highly acclaimed animé, a rural high school girl and Tokyo high school boy intermittently switch bodies. Viewing window: Prior to July 14. **Online live discussion group: July 14, 2020, 7 pm ET.** Moderator: William Tsutsui, Hendrix College. **Registration.**

**Webinar: *Anti-Asian Racism and Covid-19.* June 2, 2020, 7 pm ET.** Jennifer Ho, University of Colorado, and current President, Association for Asian American Studies, will discuss anti-Asian prejudice in the context of the coronavirus pandemic and U.S. history, also offering resources and suggestions for being an “anti-racism ally.” Slide stack available for participants for instructional use. **Registration.**

**Webinar: *The Current State of Uighurs and Kazakhs in China.* June 9, 2020, 7 pm ET.** Since 2017, more than one million Uighurs and Kazakhs have been “disappeared” into a widespread system of “re-education camps” in Xinjiang, China. Sarah Tynen, University of Colorado, will discuss how and why this has happened and the impact on family, culture, and lives. One professional development contact hour. **Registration.**

**Webinar: *Teaching Contemporary China with Choices Units.* June 10, 2020, 7 pm ET.** In cooperation with Choices at Brown University, TEA-NCTA offers this introduction to the new 2019 edition of *China on the World Stage* and the popular *Climate Change: Issues of Justice* unit, which contains a lesson on China. Limited to 20 secondary social studies teachers. Educators who participate in the webinar and submit a one-page implementation plan will receive one of these Choices units. **Registration.**

**China Connect: Drop-in Curriculum Discussions. July 10, 17, and 24, 2020, 7 pm ET.** In July, NCTA at TEA will offer Friday night informal Zoom meetings to discuss resources and strategies for teaching about China. **Sign up** to join the notification list. Prior to each drop-in meeting, we’ll send a notification and open the meeting to 20 secondary teachers—

first come, first serve. TEA staff and master teachers will present ideas and resources about China, with participants brainstorming ways to implement them in the classroom. No advance prep required.

## National Opportunities

**NCTA Webinars from the Five College Center for East Asian Studies.** Spring offerings include three focusing on religion in China— Daoism (May 13), Islam (newly added for May 21), and Buddhism (June 3)—and one on the Freeman Book Award winner, *Girl of the Southern Sea* (June 23). More [information](#).

**Webinar: *COVID-19 and Taiwan's International Space Reimagined*.** **May 14, 2020, 8:00-9:30 pm EDT.** The Sigur Center for Asian Studies and East Asia National Resource Center are sponsoring this webinar featuring a panel of distinguished scholars focusing on Taiwan's continued exclusion from the World Health Organization. Register [here](#).

**Korea Society Webcasts: *Reading in Translation: Korean Novels in the U.S.*, May 19, 2020, 6 pm EDT, and *If I Had Your Face*, May 28, 2020, 6 pm EDT.** [More information](#).

**Stanford China Scholars Program. Fall 2020. Application deadline: June 15, 2020.** The Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) presents this intensive online course for high school students who want to learn about political, economic, and social issues in contemporary China. [Information and registration](#).

**Korean Movie Night at Home. Through June 30, 2020.** Korean Cultural Center NY is streaming for free 10 Korean films from the past five years. Access films [here](#).

### Previously Announced National Opportunities

**Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Awards. New application deadline: September 15, 2020.** Nomination/application materials for the 2020 Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award are now available. This award is designed to honor exceptional K-12 classroom teachers in the United States who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese. This year's award will be focused on teachers of Japanese language. [Application](#).

## Colorado Programs

**Denver-Takayama Sister Cities Online Book Club. May 19, 2020, 6:30 pm.** This second online discussion will focus on *Rendevous at Kamakura Inn*, by Marshall Browne. RSVP to Steve Comstock, [steve@trainersfriend.com](mailto:steve@trainersfriend.com).

## NCTA State and Local Programs

**NCTA Online Seminar: *The Sound of (Japanese) Music*. May 14 – June 18, 2020.** NCTA at the University of Pittsburgh presents a series featuring four Japanese music ethnomusicologists who will help participants gain deeper understanding of Japanese music. Open to teachers in Alabama, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. **Registration.**

## Featured Resources

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art** has made more than 650 18th- and 19th-century Japanese illustrated books available online. Among the artists represented in the collection are Utamaro, Hokusai, and Hiroshige. Access the collection at the Met [website](#).

More than 30 short stories written by **Haruki Murakami** and published in *The New Yorker* are now available free on the magazine's website. The oldest story dates to 1990, the most recent was published in February 2020. Find the stories [here](#).

To assist educators teaching remotely, **Asia for Educators** at Columbia University has redesigned several of their multimedia modules for tablets and phones. The free redesigned modules are *China and Europe, 1500-2000*; *The Mongols in World History*; and *Living in the Chinese Cosmos: Understanding Religion in China*. Find the modules at the AFE [website](#).