

# TEA News

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### Virginia and DC Area Secondary Teachers: Last Chance to Register for NCTA NoVA December 14 Workshop

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## National Opportunities

**Asia at the National Council for the Social Studies Conference. November 22-24, 2019.** This year's NCSS conference in Austin, Texas, will feature a number of sessions on Asia, including a TEA session on its Olympic Friendships project. Look for these sessions and check the program for other Asia-related opportunities:

- *The Changing U.S.-Japan Relationship in the Context of a Rising China.* Friday, November 22, 2019, 8:45 am, Ballroom F. Patricia Maclachlan, Professor of Government and Asian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, will present this talk sponsored by the Asia Community.

- ***The Complexity of China's Cities in Global Context: Patterns and Challenges.*** Friday, November 22, 2019, 2:05 pm, Ballroom E. Columbia University Professor of Urban Planning Weiping Wu will explore how the complexity of Chinese cities both conforms to and defies conventional urban theories and the experience of other cities. Supported by NCTA.
- ***Olympic Friendships: Engaging Tokyo through Global Citizenship and Geographic Inquiries.*** Saturday, November 23, 2019, 5:15 pm, Room 18B, Level 4. Explore classroom-ready resources that integrate global citizenship, literacy, technology, and C3 inquiry around the theme of Tokyo; its people, culture, and history; and the Olympic/Paralympic Games. Presented by TEA.
- ***An Interdisciplinary Toolkit for Teaching Nuclear Testing Through Documentary Film.*** Saturday, November 23, 2019, 5:15 pm, Ballroom C. Bring the history of nuclear testing to life using a modern-style documentary blending first-person accounts with animated storytelling. Explore the power of engaging students with creative and critical thinking opportunities. Presented by the Asia Community.

**NCTA Webinars.** NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies is offering two webinars before the end of the year:

- ***Reconsidering the Japanese Constitution,*** with Ethan Segal. December 3, 2019, 7-8 pm EST. **Registration.**
- ***Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War,*** with author Susan Southard. December 10, 2019, 7-8 pm EST. **Registration.**

**Teach in China—Summer 2020. Application deadline: January 15, 2020.** SABEH (Sino-American Bridge for Education and Health) offers three- to four-week opportunities to teach in China during July and August 2020. Participating K-12 teachers experience Chinese culture, schools, teaching, travel, and collaboration with Chinese and American colleagues. More information and an application are available on the SABEH **website**.

### *Previously Announced National Opportunities*

**Study Tour: Cambodia Educator Learning Service. December 27, 2019 – January 5, 2020.** This course for educators offered by Where There Be Dragons allows participants to explore topics of democracy, development, and service through direct engagement with development professionals, advocates for social justice, NGOs, and community leaders; a rural home stay is included. **More information.**

**Columbia NCTA Online Book Group: *Understanding China Through Comics, Graphic Novels, and Drama: Forget Sorrow: An Ancestral Tale.* November 20 – December 17, 2019.** The NCTA national coordinating site at Columbia's Weatherhead Institute is offering this final book group before the end of the year; additional groups will be offered in early 2020. More information is available **here**.

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**Denver Film Festival. Through Sunday, November 10, 2019.** The Denver Film Festival is featuring several films from East Asia, including the following:

- ***House of Hummingbird***, November 5, 7:15 pm, and November 10, 3:30 pm, Sie Film Center. A coming-of-age story from Korea set in 1994, when Seoul was rapidly modernizing.
- ***A Girl Missing***, November 6, 7:15 pm; November 7, 3:15 pm; and November 10, 10:45 am; UA Pavilions. This Japanese thriller features a Japanese caregiver whose nephew kidnaps her charge's granddaughter.
- ***A Family Tour***, November 7, 6:45 pm, UA Pavilions. An exiled Chinese filmmaker can only see her ailing mother by traveling to Taiwan and stalking the elder woman's tour group.
- ***The Wild Goose Lake***, November 8, 3:30 pm; November 9, 3:30 pm; and November 10, 6:30 pm, UA Pavilions. Just released from prison, a Chinese gang leader is on the run from his friends and the police.

Visit the festival [website](#) for ticket information.

**Ikebana Rocks Annual Flower Show. November 8-9, 2019, 9 am – 5 pm.** Ikebana International Denver Chapter hosts this annual exhibit of ikebana at Mitchell Hall, Denver Botanic Gardens. There will be demonstrations from 11 am – 1 pm each day.

**China Town Hall. November 18, 2019, 4 pm.** The Center for Asian Studies will provide local programming for this national event, which will feature a panel discussion moderated by George Stephanopoulos and focusing on the Sino-American relationship and the issues that are impacting the United States. The national webcast will be followed by a panel on how the US-China relationship impacts CU research and education; the panel will be moderated by CAS director Tim Oakes and feature Waleed Abdalati, Terri Fiez, Diana Salazar, Jimmy Ilseng, Tim Weston, and Emily Yeh. For information on the national webcast, visit the National Committee on U.S. China Relations [website](#). For information on the local event, to be held in Wolf Law 204 on the University of Colorado Boulder campus, check the CAS [website](#).

**Nikkei Treasures Sale. November 23-24, 2019.** The Tri-State Buddhist Temple (1947 Lawrence, Denver) will be hosting this sale, where vendors will offer Japanese items for purchase. For more information, contact Joni Sakaguchi at [jsak5280@centurylink.net](mailto:jsak5280@centurylink.net) or Gail Ida at [gailann.ida@gmail.com](mailto:gailann.ida@gmail.com).

**Cultural Classes: *Chibi no Gako 2020: Japanese American Cultural Heritage Learning Experience.* January 11 and 18 and February 1 and 15, 2020. 9 am – 12 pm.** **Registration deadline: November 30, 2019.** This community-based program introduces children in grades K-8 to traditional Japanese culture through cooking, song, dance, folk tales, and art projects. The program is held at the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple (1947 Lawrence, Denver). For more information, contact [chibinogakkodenver@gmail.com](mailto:chibinogakkodenver@gmail.com).

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**NCTA Washington State Seminars: *China 2020: Understanding a Rising Power.*** **Tacoma: January 28, February 11, March 10, 2020, 4:30-8:30 pm; Everett: January 29, February 12, and March 11, 2020, 4:00-8:00 pm. Priority registration deadline: December 1, 2019.** These seminars will examine how teachers can integrate 21st-century China into their teaching and situate China in a global context. The Tacoma seminar will meet at Stadium High School while the Everett class will meet at the district's Community Resource Center. [Information and registration.](#)

**NCTA Massachusetts Seminar: *Human and Physical Geography of East Asia: A View of the Past and Contemporary Issues.*** **January 4 – February 8, 2020.** This seminar welcomes teachers, librarians, and administrators interested in incorporating East Asia into their curriculum. The seminar will provide content and resources for teaching about China, Japan, and Korea. The seminar will meet on Saturdays from 9 am – 3 pm at Lexington High School. [Information and registration.](#)

**NCTA Texas Seminar: *Journey to Asia: A Cultural, Historical, and Political Overview.*** **January 29 – April 8, 2020.** This seminar will emphasize the interconnections among Asian states and the rest of the world while exploring the cult of personality in authoritarian states, globalization and sport in Asia, the sociology of food and drink, and more. The seminar will meet three hours weekly at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. For more information or to register, contact [c.currier@tcu.edu](mailto:c.currier@tcu.edu).

## Featured Resources

*The International Korean Educators Network website* provides videos and virtual lectures on Korean culture that teachers may find useful. Check out the website [here](#).

A new website on *China's Belt and Road Initiative* from the University of Western Australia presents information, videos, and photo essays on the Belt and Road Initiative as a "revival" of the Silk Roads of the second century. The [site](#) accompanies a newly published book, *Geocultural Power: China's Quest to Revive the Silk Roads for the Twenty-First Century*, by Tim Winter (University of Chicago Press, 2019).

The website *What's on Weibo* has compiled a list of the ten most popular Chinese podcasts of 2019. The list describes the content of each podcast and gives tips for people learning Mandarin who may want to give one of the podcasts a listen. The list is available



**here.**

