

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia

NoVa Winter 2021 Virtual Workshop



**OPEN TO ALL VIRGINIA AND DC AREA SECONDARY TEACHERS
JOIN US FOR A SATURDAY MORNING VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

What's Happening in Xinjiang and Why Does it Matter? An Introduction to China's Uighur Policies & their Human and Global Importance FEBRUARY 27 2021, 9 AM-12:30 PM

Until we can return to in-person professional development, join the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) for its Winter 2021 virtual workshop for Virginia and DC area secondary teachers. The program will combine the features of our regular NoVa NCTA Saturday programs in an interactive virtual format. Come as you are; bring your own snacks.

Our topic. China's Xinjiang Province is designated as a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) because of its rich natural gas reserves. And it is a key region in China's international Belt and Road Initiative. Xinjiang is also home to 11 million Uighurs, Muslims of Turkish ancestry who populated the area long before the Chinese government of the Chinese Communist Party took control of the region in 1949. Beginning in 2017, the Chinese government began targeting the Uighurs as a national security threat, citing "extremist views." These government measures have escalated over the years, including forced detention of Uighurs, which has been condemned by global organizations and governments around the world.

This workshop will provide a brief background on the Uighur population of Xinjiang, followed by an introduction to the policies implemented by Xi Jinping's government against the Uighurs, life for the Uighur people today, and the global significance of China's Uighur policies as a human rights violation.

Workshop Details and Benefits

Lindsay Maizland, Council on Foreign Relations, will kick off the program with a live, interactive webinar, which will be followed by two interactive curriculum sessions that provide materials and discussion to facilitate teaching about this critical issue in China studies and global studies.

Participants must be able to attend with Zoom audio and video. Participants receive a stipend in the form of a \$50 Amazon card, certificate of 4 professional development contact hours, lessons, and resource lists. Register at <https://www.colorado.edu/ptea/vancta-reg>. **Participation is limited to 20; registration closes February 16 or when workshop fills.** Questions: lynn.parisi@colorado.edu or matthew.sudnik@gmail.com.



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