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TEA Programs

Northern Virginia and DC Area Social Studies Teachers: Get Involved with NCTA through Local Saturday Workshops. Registration is now open for fall 2018 NCTA workshops for Northern Virginia/DC area educators. The first fall workshop, *The Korean Peninsula in the Modern World: Legacies and Challenges*, will take place Saturday, October 27, at George Washington University, followed by *China on the World Stage*, Saturday, December 8, at the Madeira School in McLean. Spring 2019 workshops will be announced in January. **Flyer and registration.**

TEA Colorado Workshop: *Two Koreas: Past and Present*. September 29, 2018, 8:30 am – 4:15 pm. Registration deadline: September 21, 2018. Through lectures by scholars of North and South Korean history and literature, participants will gain perspectives of everyday life in the two Koreas and consider Korea's division and contemporary situations through multiple perspectives. Examining themes of human security and reconciliation, participants will explore the use of primary and secondary sources in social studies, world literature, and humanities classes. **Flyer and registration.**

Still Space Available in These TEA-NCTA Fall Online Courses

Please see individual flyers for specifics and application details. All courses offer completion award, materials, and certificate of professional development contact hours. Open to teachers nationwide.

Book Group: *Contemporary China in Short Stories: The Bridegroom*, by Ha Jin. September 24 – November 2, 2018. Application deadline: September 19 or when group fills. 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. (High school) **Flyer and application.**

Seminar: NCTA National Online Seminar: *Korea in the Modern World, Part 1: 1894-1953*. September 27 – November 28, 2018. Application deadline: September 14, 2018. This four-module course will examine primary and secondary sources to consider the impacts of imperialism and independence, political-economic and nationalist ideologies, and globalization in the development of Korea, 1894-1953. (Secondary) **Flyer and application.**

NEW—Online Book Group: *Japan through Children's Literature: Picture Book Biographies*. September 28 – November 20, 2018. Registration deadline: September

14 or when group fills. Through picture book biographies of a Japanese artist, composer, and inventor, participants will consider the possibilities of the genre in the integration of social studies and literacy curriculum about Japan. (Elementary and middle school) **Flyer and application.**

NEW—Online Film Group: *China's City Dreams: Urbanization, Demolition, and the Chaos of Reality*. October 5 – November 27, 2018. Registration deadline: September 30 or when group fills. This course examines key issues in contemporary China through three films, each of which explores China's explosive urbanization and its consequences, considering the promise of the city as a beacon of progress and multiple realities that unchecked urbanization has rendered upon people's lives. (High school) **Flyer and application.**

Learn about our new Class App, *China, Big Data, and Surveillance*, in the Featured Resource section below.

National Opportunities

Japanese Teaching Material Purchase Grant. Deadline: September 15, 2018. The Japan Foundation provides financial support to U.S. educational institutions to purchase teaching materials for their Japanese language courses. **Information and application.**

Asia for Educators-NCTA Online Book Groups. The NCTA national coordinating site at Columbia University is offering two online book groups in early fall, one focused on Chinese short-short stories, the other on a graphic adaptation of *The Art of War*. For more information and to register, visit the Asia for Educators **website**.

NCTA Webinar: *Japan 1945: A Marine's Photographs from Ground Zero*. September 20, 7-8 pm EDT. The Five College Center for East Asian Studies is offering this webinar focusing on the work of Joe O'Donnell, who was a 23-year-old photojournalist for the U.S. Navy when he arrived in Japan in 1945. New curriculum for teaching about immediate post-war Japan using O'Donnell's photos will be presented. Register **here**.

NCTA Workshop: Comparing Korean Poetry with Chinese and Japanese Verse. November 10-11, 2018. Application deadline: October 1, 2018. Indiana University's East Asian Studies Center presents this workshop, to be held in Chicago. The workshop will introduce teachers to Korean sijo, Chinese jueju, and Japanese haiku. It will also include a sijo composition session and strategies for teaching East Asian poetry. Travel stipend available. **Registration.**

SPICE Online High School Courses on Japan, Korea, and China. Applications are now open for three courses for high school students offered through the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education. Each course offers real-time discussions with Stanford faculty and other experts, interactive discussions with peers, and a rigorous college-level learning experience. For information on each course, click the course title below:

- **Reischauer Scholars Program** (Japan): Early February to mid-June 2019. Application deadline: October 5, 2018.
- **Sejong Korean Scholars Program:** March to June 2019. Application deadline: October 5, 2018.

China Scholars Program: Late January to late May 2019. Application deadline: October 15, 2018.

National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLIY), Summer 2019 or 2019-2020 Academic Year. Application deadline: October 30, 2018. NSLIY is a U.S. State Department foreign language program in which selected students age 15-18 study a less commonly taught language overseas for a summer, semester, or school year. Chinese and Korean are among the languages offered. Learn more about the program and access an application [here](#).

***The Mainichi* Essay Contest on *The Face of Jizo*. Application deadline: October 31, 2018.** *The Mainichi* Japanese newspaper is sponsoring an international essay contest for young people between the ages of 13 and 23. Essays are to respond to the play *The Face of Jizo* (available on *The Mainichi* website), written by Hisashi Inoue about the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. [More information.](#)

Previously Announced National Opportunity

Study Tour: *Building Global Connections*. April 11-21, 2019. Application deadline: November 1, 2019. Primary Source is offering this program in which participants will learn about China's education system, discuss benefits of student exchange, and share ideas about global learning. Participants will visit Beijing, Xi'an, and Chengdu, and participate in a US-China Exchange Summit. Open to district and high school administrators and teachers. Cost: \$2500. Details and application [here](#).

Colorado Programs

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Lecture: *Ai Weiwei: Global Artist, Borderless Humanist, Contemporary Emperor*. September 20, 2018, 5 pm. Ai Weiwei is one of the most compelling individuals currently working in the spheres of international art and political activism. Contemporary Chinese art expert Taliesin Thomas will present a brief overview of Ai's personal history with a focus on his singular narrative within the field of global contemporary art and beyond. This free event will be held in Eaton Humanities 250 on the CU Boulder campus. [More information.](#)

NCTA State and Local Programs

Northern Virginia NCTA Workshop Series for 2018-2019. Northern Virginia area social studies teachers are invited to register for one or both NCTA Saturday workshops: ***The Korean Peninsula in the Modern World: Legacies and Challenges***, October 27 at George Washington University, and ***China on the World Stage***, at the Madeira School in McLean, December 8. Additional workshops will be offered during winter-spring 2019 semester. [Details, flyer, and registration.](#)

NCTA Seminar: *East Asia since 1800*. September 15 – December 8, 2018.

Registration deadline: September 9. This seminar offers in-depth presentations on the history and culture of the region as well as teaching tools for K-12 educators. The seminar will be held in three Monday evening sessions and four Saturday sessions on the University of Southern California campus. **Information and registration.**

Featured Resource

New Class App Available from TEA-NCTA: *China, Big Data, and Surveillance*.

Political scientist Jessica Teets describes the ways China is using big data and surveillance to develop its new “social credit system.” Sometimes maligned in the Western media, the social credit system doesn’t just punish bad behavior, Teets notes, it also rewards good behavior. Also, despite the authoritarian aspects of the social credit system, Teets explains it has the potential to result in better governance since it also applies to government officials and companies. Access the video [here](#).