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TEA Programs

TEA NCTA Online Offerings for Fall Now Registering! The NCTA National Coordinating Site at TEA is offering two seminars, a book group, and a new film discussion group beginning in September. All offerings are open to teachers nationwide, with particular courses designed for teachers of specific grade levels. Registration for these courses is open now.

- **NEW—Online Film Group: *The Journey Home: Three Contemporary Chinese Films*. September 16 – November 3, 2016 (18 contact hours). Registration deadline: September 8.** During chaotic times, Chinese filmmakers have turned to the concept of home and family in their films. Open to secondary classroom teachers, this group will engage participants in viewing and discussing three films—*The Blue Kite*, *Last Train Home*, and *Coming Home*—exploring different “journeys” to reunite with family. The film group will be conducted through three asynchronous online modules, each consisting of film viewing and discussion with colleagues and the course instructor. Class limit: 25. **Details and registration.**
- **NEW—Online Book Group: *The Great Wave: Japan through Children’s Literature*. September 30 – December 11, 2016 (15 contact hours). Application deadline: September 22 or when group fills.** Tsunami-prone Japan and stories of survival are imagined in two recent works of children’s literature: *Tsunami!* by Kimiko Kajikawa and *Up from the Sea* by Leza Lowit. Open to intermediate-grade and middle-school teachers, this group will discuss these books’ literary forms and techniques, social studies connections, and cross-curricular classroom applications. **Details and application.**
- **NEW—*Japan: 20th-Century Legacies, 21st-Century Challenges*. September 29 – December 12, 2016 (25 contact hours). Application deadline: September 22 or when course fills.** In this course, secondary classroom teachers will consider the 20th-century roots and current dimensions of four critical contemporary issues: Japan’s demographic crisis, Japan’s intra-Asian and security relations, the Japanese constitution at 70, and Japan’s nuclear past and present. **Participants in this course will be eligible to apply for a 10-day seminar in Tokyo in summer 2017 (pending funding).** Class limit: 20. **Details and application.**
- ***China Under Mao: Modernization, Mobilization, and Mass Campaigns*. September 26 – December 19. Registration deadline:**

September 22 or when course fills. Open to secondary classroom teachers nationwide who teach about modern China, this five-module online seminar examines the social, cultural, political, and economic changes in China under the leadership of Mao Zedong by looking at two of his most far-reaching and impactful mass campaigns: the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution. The seminar will provide essential background, contemporary scholarship, and primary sources to better understand and more effectively teach the causes and effects of these campaigns. [Details and registration.](#)

National Opportunities

***Understanding Sacrifice: World War II in the Pacific.* Fall 2016 – Spring 2018. Application deadline: September 2.** This program for middle and high school teachers will include a November weekend workshop in Washington, DC; monthly online activities; and a Pacific field study in July 2017. The program will allow teachers to study the experiences of members of the American military in the Pacific Theater, work with experts and peers, and develop lesson plans. The program is conducted by National History Day and several partner organizations. For more information, visit the NHD [website.](#)

***Voices of East Asia: Japan.* Wednesday, September 14 – Tuesday, November 1.** The second in a three-part series on “Essential Readings from Antiquity to the Present,” this book groups sponsored by Asia for Educators at Columbia University will lead teachers in reading and discussing canonical works of Japanese literature suitable to share with students. The book group will be conducted via asynchronous online discussion and provide 14 hours of professional development. Register [here.](#)

Webinar: *Touching Home in China.* Thursday, November 10, 7–8 pm EDT. Two girls abandoned as newborns in China and adopted by American parents return to their village of origin, where girls who grew up there teach them about life as a rural Chinese daughter. Journalist Melissa Ludtke will present this Five Colleges Center for East Asian Studies webinar, which is appropriate for K–12 educators and post-secondary instructors and students. Register [here.](#)

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Japanese Teaching Material Purchase Grant. Application deadline: Thursday, September 15. Educational institutions that wish to purchase teaching materials for their Japanese language courses may receive \$1,000 from the Japanese Foundation of Los Angeles. More information [here.](#)

Colorado Programs

***Medicine as Art/Art as Medicine: An Exploration of Healing with Asian Art and Medicine.* Saturday, October 1, 10 am – 4 pm.** This program at the Denver Art Museum (100 W. 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver) will feature presentations by Chinese medicine practitioners/artists and a tour of the Asian Art collections at the museum. Information about full- and half-day sessions is available [here](#).

Film Screening and Discussion: *Forgetting Vietnam*. Friday, October 10, 7 pm. Filmmaker Trinh Minh-ha will attend this screening of her film, which uses footage from 1995 and 2012 to explore the dialogue between land and water and how memories of the past inform the present. The film will be shown at Muenzinger Auditorium on the CU Boulder campus. More information about this free event is available on the Center for Asian Studies [website](#).

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

NCTA Kansas City Blended Seminar: *Samurai in Motion*. October 1 – November 19. This seminar will begin with face-to-face instruction on Saturday, October 1, at the Greater Kansas City Japan Festival. Subsequent sessions will be conducted online, for a total of 15 hours. The course will offer an interdisciplinary examination of the history, philosophy, and traditions of the samurai. To register, contact Nancy Hope at nfhope@ku.edu.

NCTA Oklahoma Seminar: *China: Relying on the Past to Move Forward*. October 2 – November 19. This six-week (24-hour) seminar, to be held on the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa campus, will feature experts in the fields of language, culture, history, art, and information, as well as discussion of integrating Chinese culture in the classroom. More information will be available soon [here](#).

NCTA Vermont and New Hampshire Seminar. November 5 – December 3. This face-to-face seminar will be held in White River Junction, Vermont, on four Saturdays. More information will be available soon on the Five College Center for East Asian Studies [website](#).

Featured Resources

Four New NCTA Class Apps Available! As part of its annual programming for NCTA, TEA has added four new Class Apps to the available NCTA resources for teachers. These short (20- to 30-minute) video presentations are designed to provide teachers with brief overviews of high-interest classroom topics. Videos may also be appropriate for classroom use. Check out all the Class Apps at the [NCTA website](#). New Class Apps added this month are:

- ***Japan-Korea: Histories That Bind*.** Alexis Dudden, University of Connecticut

- ***Japan's Contemporary Security Challenges: 2016 and Beyond.*** Andrew L. Oros, Washington College
- ***Japan's National Stadium and the Struggle for National Identity.*** Kathleen Krauth, American School in Japan
- ***The Meaning of President Obama's Visit to Hiroshima.*** Alexis Dudden, University of Connecticut

Also available on the [NCTA website](#) is the growing list of ***Top Ten Things to Know About East Asia in the 21st Century*** videos developed by Asia for Educators at Columbia University. Titles added to the series in 2016 include the following:

- ***China in the World Today***, with Andrew J. Nathan
- ***Human Rights in China***, with Andrew J. Nathan
- ***Asians in American History***, with Mae Ngai
- ***Japanese Society***, with Theodore C. Bestor

To mark the 50th anniversary of China's Cultural Revolution, National Geographic has made available images from photographer Li Zhenheng, who kept the photographs secret for years. Mosaics of several sets of photographs can be seen on the National Geographic [website](#). A larger collection is available in Li's book, ***Red-Color News Soldier***, available from Phaidon Books.

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