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Teach about Contemporary China? Check out Two New TEA-NCTA Class Apps

- ***Demographic Cliffs and Economic Reforms.*** After decades of double-digit economic growth, China is now facing the “new normal” of lower economic growth. Political scientist Jessica Teets offers a crash course in the changing Chinese economy, discussing factors of change and how China needs to reform its economy going forward. Access this Class App [here](#).
- ***Disputed Waters: South China Sea, International Law, and the Future of Asian Balance of Power.*** Political scientist Orion Lewis sheds light on the territorial disputes occurring in the South China Sea that continue to make regional and international headlines. Lewis breaks down the complex issues with straightforward terms, illuminating maps, and classroom-appropriate videos and documents. Access this Class App [here](#).

Check out the complete collection of NCTA Class App resources on the NCTA [website](#).

Apply Now to Be Part of TEA’s New Elementary Program, *Olympic Friendships*

TEA is now accepting applications from U.S. elementary educators and their schools who wish to establish and sustain a sister-school relationship with an elementary school in Tokyo. Through exchange activities and professional development, participating U.S. teachers will lead their school communities in enhancing study of Japan and developing students’ global skills, knowledge, and dispositions. Educators from participating U.S. schools will coordinate virtual and material exchange activities and take part in an introductory webinar in fall 2017; an online orientation course in spring 2018; travel to Tokyo in summer 2018; and preparation of teaching resources during the following school year. For more information, consult the project [webpage](#) or email [Catherine Ishida](#). Application deadline: Friday, October 13.

National Opportunities

Webinar: *Five Myths about North Korea.* Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7:00-8:30 p.m. EST. Primary Source is sponsoring this webinar featuring Sun-Yoon Lee, a professor of Korean studies at Tufts University. Dr. Lee will situate the current standoff within historical context and challenge common misconceptions about North Korean politics and society. He will analyze potential paths going forward and discuss how

teachers can help students better understand the contexts and nuances of U.S.-North Korean relations. Register [here](#).

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Online Book Groups: *Graphic Novel Series* and *Freeman Book Award Series*. October 25, 2017 – February 27, 2018 (groups focused on specific titles have different starting and ending dates). Asia for Educators and NCTA at Columbia University are running two book group series. One series focuses on the graphic novel. Teachers can still register for groups focusing on the following works: *The Family*; *Nanjing: The Burning City*; *Such a Lovely Little War: Saigon 1961-63* and *The Best We Could Do*; and the graphic adaptation of *The Good Earth*. The second series focuses on winners of the Freeman Book Award. Teachers can still register for two groups, one discussing *Somewhere Among* and *The Night Parade*, the other reading *A Night in the Planetarium: A True Story about a Child, a Play and the Art of Resistance*. For more information and to register, visit the AFE [website](#).

NCTA Webinar: *Falling into the Dragon's Mouth*. Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 7-8 p.m. EDT. The Five College Center for East Asian Studies and TEA offer this webinar with author Holly Thompson. Register [here](#).

Japan ICU Foundation Global Scholarship. Application deadline: Friday, December 1, 2017. This initiative will provide full-tuition support for four years of undergraduate study at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. Starting in 2018, two incoming first-year students who are U.S. citizens and graduates of U.S. high schools will receive the scholarship annually. For more information, visit the Japan ICU Foundation [website](#).

Colorado Programs

Exhibition: *Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads*. October 3-31, 2017. This installation of 12 sculptures by noted Chinese artist Ai Weiwei is on display at the north end of Denver's Civic Center Park (between Bannock and Broadway) throughout October. Each bronze statue represents a different zodiac animal, reinterpreting an 18th-century water clock-fountain designed by European Jesuits in China and later stolen by French and British troops. Weiwei's work calls attention to ideas of fake versus original art, as well as the issues of looting and repatriation.

China Town Hall. Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 5:00 p.m. The National Committee on U.S.-China Relations sponsors this event, which will feature Ambassador Susan E. Rice as the national webcast speaker. In addition to her foreign policy experience as National Security Advisor (2013-2017) and U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations (2009-2013), Ambassador Rice also served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs and Senior Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council. Her remarks will be followed by a local speaker. This event will be held in Room 1020 at the SIE Complex at the University of Denver (2201 S. Gaylord, Denver). Register [here](#).

Center for Asian Studies (CAS) Event: *The Phoenix Years: Art, Resistance, and the Making of Modern China*. Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 5 p.m. Sydney-based foreign

correspondent Madeleine O'Dea will discuss how the story of China's rise to global prominence is illuminated by considering the country's emerging artistic avant-garde and the Chinese people's ongoing struggle for freedom of expression. This free public program will be held in Room 1B80 in the Humanities Building on the CU Boulder Campus. For more information, visit the CAS [website](#).

CAS Event: *Enduring Korea-U.S. Alliance and Partnership: Linchpin of Peace and Security and Driving Force for Prosperity*. Thursday, November 2, 2017, 5 p.m.

Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Korea in San Francisco Jimin Kim will speak on U.S.-Korean Relations. He will talk about the latest developments in the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia and also the future prospect of the ROK-U.S. alliance and partnership under the new ROK government. This free public event will take place in Room 250 in the Humanities Building on the CU Boulder Campus. For more information, visit the CAS [website](#).

Japanese Ensemble. Sunday, November 5, 2017, 2:00-3:00 p.m. The CU Japanese ensemble studies and performs Japanese music and dance. The performance, which will feature music and dance from many regions of Japan, will take place in Room C112 of Imig Music on the CU Boulder campus. For more information, consult the CU Presents [website](#).

Featured Resources

Professor Alexis Dudden, a frequent TEA guest speaker, has an article in the Fall 2017 issue of *Dissent Magazine*. In the article, titled **“Revolution by Candlelight: How South Koreans Toppled a Government,”** Dudden describes the sustained protest movement that engaged almost one-third of South Korea's population and eventually brought down the presidency of Park Geun-hye. Find the article [here](#).

The Choices Program has recently released two new “Teaching with the News” lessons with Asia-related content: **“North Korea Nuclear Crisis,”** a lesson that employs political cartoons to help students understand the issues surrounding the North Korean nuclear program, and **“Myanmar and the Rohingya,”** which uses personal narratives from Rohingya people as well as government documents to develop knowledge of the current crisis. The lessons are available on the Choices [website](#).

The Weatherhead East Asia Institute has recently launched the **Tibetan Culture at Columbia University** website. The site presents “object biographies,” maps, and student-produced projects on various aspects of Tibetan culture. Access the site [here](#).

The Five College Center for East Asian Studies has released a collection of lesson plans written by participants in their 2017 study tour. ***Peace Education: Voices from Japan on War and Peace***, which includes lessons suitable for elementary, middle, and high school students, can be downloaded [here](#).