

# Teaching About Asia Workshop for K -12 Teachers

## *The Many Faces of Modern Asia*

Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies

Hosted by Princeton University on Friday, October 21, 2011

### Help your students understand the complexities of modern Asia:

In the 21st century, Asia has emerged as the fastest developing region of the world. Some facts:

- Two out of the three largest economies in the world, China and Japan, are in Asia. In addition, India and South Korea are major centers of technological innovation.
- China and India are two of the world's major military powers.
- Asian countries represent major producers of nuclear power, for both military and civilian use.
- Asian crisis hotspots continue to command our attention - such as the persisting conflicts between India/Pakistan/Afghanistan, or between North and South Korea. Recent natural disasters - from Japan to Bangladesh, and Indonesia to China - have claimed hundreds of thousands of lives, and uprooted and displaced millions more.

### Our focus is the "view from the bottom:"

How has modernization affected people living in these Asian societies?

How have rapid industrialization and urbanization impacted traditional cultural and religious values, social structures, and gender roles?

Professor David Leheny will discuss the ongoing rescue, relief, and rebuilding operations in Japan following the March 2011 tsunami.

### About the Princeton faculty teaching the workshop:

**Janet Chen**, Assistant Professor of History and East Asian Studies, researches modern China and has examined changing patterns of social welfare and their impact on the lives of the urban poor.

**Michael Laffan**, Professor of Southeast Asian History, has studied the role of Islam in modern South and Southeast Asia.

**David Leheny**, Professor of East Asian Studies. His recent publications include *Think Global, Fear Local: Sex, Violence, and Anxiety in Contemporary Japan*.

**Gyan Prakash**, Professor of Modern South Asia/Urban History/Postcolonial Studies, will discuss his 2010 book *Mumbai Fables*.

In addition to talks and discussions, the workshop program will include a choice of tours of the highlights of the **Asian Collection in the Princeton Art Museum**, or of a special exhibit by the **Cotsen Collection of Princeton University's Firestone Library**, featuring children's and youth literature, periodicals, and posters from 20th century Asia.

## Registration:

The registration fee of \$15 includes Friday lunch and refreshments, workshop handouts, workshop participation certificate, and, if desired, free attendance of the following Mid-Atlantic Region Association of Asian Studies Conference on October 22-23 (excluding Saturday lunch and dinner).

For online workshop registration and further information on the MAR-AAS conference:

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/maraas/>

Alternatively, registration checks – payable to MAR-AAS - may be sent to:

Dr. A. Maria Toyoda  
Interim Treasurer MAR/AAS  
C/O PSC  
800 E. Lancaster Ave.  
Villanova, PA 19085

On-site registration will be possible on the day of the event from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

## Professional Development Credit:

Each participant will receive a certificate for 6 hours of professional development credit, meeting state requirements.

## Time and Place:

Friday, October 21, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Frist Campus Center, Multipurpose Room, B Level

For directions to Princeton University, campus maps, and visitor parking:  
<http://www.princeton.edu/main/visiting/>

Inquiries may be directed to Dr. Lesley Solomon, Workshop Coordinator, at [lesley86@hotmail.com](mailto:lesley86@hotmail.com).

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