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Professor Arne Westad (Yale University) talks with the Thinking Global team about what it is to ‘think globally’ when it comes to international politics, the potential for a new Cold War, Sino-US relations, developing states in the international order, and what it is to think about global politics ‘in language’. Thinking Global is a podcast from E-International Relations – the world’s leading open access website for students and scholars of international politics.

Since the mid-2000s, Westad has been concerned with more general aspects of post-colonial and global history, as well as the modern history of China. The three key works from this period are *The Global Cold War*, which argues for ways of understanding the Soviet-American conflict in light of late- and post-colonial change in Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean; *Restless Empire*, which discusses broad trends in China’s international history since 1750; and *The Cold War: A World History*, which summarizes the origins, conduct, and results of the conflict on a global scale. Today he is mainly interested in researching histories of empire and imperialism, first and foremost in Asia, but also world-wide. He is also trying to figure out how China’s late twentieth century economic reforms came into being and how their results changed the global economy. Professor Westad can be found on Twitter: @OAWestad.

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