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As the last in our trilogy (for now) of nods to internet resources we rely upon, we offer up five valuable sites that deal with globalization (some are exclusively devoted to that topic, others just have a lot about it). They are on our radar screen because each fairly regularly brings China into the picture in interesting ways. To illustrate this, as with the last list, we provide first a link to a homepage and then a link to a China story.

1. [Yale Global](#)

This site was founded and continues to be run by Nayan Chanda, whose credentials as a commentator on global issues are impeccable (born in India, educated in Paris, covered Vietnam as a journalist, and so on). But so, too, are his credentials as a China specialist, as he studied Sinology in France and worked in Hong Kong as editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. So, not surprisingly, he has run some very good pieces on China, such as Anita Chan and Jon Unger's [insightful recent commentary](#) on lead paint and toys.

2. [Salon](#)

Andrew Leonard tracks globalization for Salon on this site. He often turns his attention to China, generally focusing on its role in contemporary global flows. But here's [an example](#), particularly relevant for China Beat readers, in which he moves between the global past and the global present via the subject of porcelain.

3. [Foreign Policy](#)

This is the blog of a magazine devoted to international issues, which a few years ago underwent a dramatic redesign (becoming a jazzier looking periodical) and also began paying increased attention to the cultural as well as economic and political aspects of globalization. The magazine itself has done a lot on China (including a cover story, cleverly titled “Chairman Yao,” on the country's most famous basketball player). For a sense of how the blog handles the PRC, here's [a piece](#) on mining disaster.

4. [The Globalist](#)

A daily online publication devoted to globalization, *The Globalist* features pieces by many different kinds of area experts and people looking at worldwide trends. [Here's a useful rundown](#) on international investment and China by its editors.

5. [World Changing](#)

World Changing: Change Your Thinking is a site that, to be honest, we've just become aware of, but some of its postings relating to China have caught our attention. With a heavier emphasis on technologies of communication and the environment than the other sites, it also has something unusual for a globalization blog—a regular contributor based in China. She's a freelance writer named Mara Hvistendahl and here is [one of her postings](#) on Chinese environmental issues.