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What is at stake in the questions raised by Munro?

"It would be unhelpful to make a 'without paradigm good, within paradigm bad' argument

- If we aren't making a good/bad judgement, how should we evaluate different interpretive schools?
- How does a focus on the Cold War help us to understand decolonization? How does a focus on the developing world help us to understand the Cold War?

"Whether the study of the Cold War will be reinvigorated by a greater engagement with colonial studies or instead become overwhelmed by it remains to be seen...as more writers present the Cold War as colonial history, the tenets of old style anticommunism will seem all the less tenable."

"It is quite possible," Westad notes, "that the Cold War will be reduced in significance by future historians"

- Why? What might be the effects of this reduction?