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1 'America Alone or America the Globocop?' WWAC
2 presents a talk by John Feffer on April 17

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5 The Windham World Affairs Council (WWAC) will host a
6 talk by John Feffer on Friday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. at 118 Elliot in
7 Brattleboro.

8 Feffer, director of the think tank Foreign Policy In Focus
9 at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., will
10 examine whether the Trump administration is resurrecting a long-
11 standing American ambition to serve as the world's policeman.

12 After bombing Iran last summer and capturing
13 Venezuela’s president this January, the United States is currently
14 waging a war of choice on Iran with no clear objective, time
15 frame, or legal justification. These actions contrast sharply with
16 the earlier promises of President Donald Trump that verged on
17 isolationism.

18 When he was running for a second term, Trump pledged
19 to avoid costly wars and focus on U.S. domestic problems. With
20 these military actions as well as his much-hyped peace deals, is
21 the president resurrecting an earlier U.S. aspiration, which began
22 with Teddy Roosevelt, to become the “world’s policeman?”

23 The answer, Feffer argues, lies in the definition of
24 “policeman.” There are good cops and bad cops, and he believes
25 Trump has long had an affinity for the latter, for police officers
26 who break the law rather than uphold it and profit from their
27 positions of power.

28 What impact is Trump’s version of “globocop” having on
29 international law and the rules-based order? Are there any
30 effective global responses? And once Trump leaves office, will an
31 international reset be possible?

32 Feffer is the author of a number of books, including
33 *Crusade 2.0*, *The Pandemic Pivot*, and *Right Across the World*.
34 His articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The*
35 *Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy*, *Forbes*, *Newsweek*, *The Nation*,
36 and many other publications.

37 Entry is free with a suggested donation of \$10 gratefully
38 accepted. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Seats can
39 be reserved at Eventbrite. Tickets will also be available at the
40 door. For further information, visit
41 windhamworldaffairsCouncil.org.

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