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*All are welcome to the*  
**Hereford University Centre's Public Research Seminar**

**'Witchcraft, Magic and the Devil in the Sixteenth and  
Seventeenth Centuries'**

by Dr Darren Oldridge

Many thousands perished in the witch persecutions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. This paper considers the causes of these events, and examines the relationship between witchcraft, magic and religion in the age of the Reformation.

**Thursday 28 January 2016**

4pm for 4.15pm start,  
with 5.30pm close

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## About... Dr Darren Oldridge

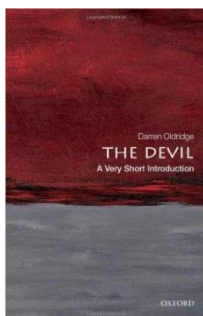
Dr Oldridge is Senior Lecturer in History at the University of Worcester. He is a specialist in early modern religious history, with a particular interest in witchcraft and the Devil, and teaches modules 'Religion and Society in England' and 'Witchcraft and the Devil'. He also works on the history of media and sexuality, and teaches modules in these fields.



More broadly, Dr Oldridge is interested in the interdisciplinary study of the concept of evil, including its treatment in theology, poetry and film.

His new book, *The Supernatural in Tudor and Stuart England*, will be published by Routledge in April 2016.

### Dr Oldridge's most recent books



*The Devil: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press 2012)

*The Devil in Tudor and Stuart England* (2nd edition: History Press 2010)

*The Witchcraft Reader* (2nd edition: Routledge 2008)