



# **Darwin and Wallace: the true story**

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**Special Guest Lecture**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 6.30 - 7.30 pm**

**Windsor Building Auditorium, Royal Holloway University of London**

The theories of Charles Darwin and Alfred Russell Wallace have changed science, and the world, forever. Yet much of what is often written about these two men, their similarities and differences, and their debts to one another, is wrong.

It has recently been claimed, for example, that Darwin stole many of his ideas from Wallace. For many years it has also been claimed that if Wallace had not sent his essay on evolution to Darwin in 1858 that Darwin never would have published his theory. This presentation will revisit the true story of Darwin and Wallace and rebut several common myths.

[http://darwin-online.org.uk/people/van\\_wyhe.html](http://darwin-online.org.uk/people/van_wyhe.html)

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It is free and open to the public but there is a limited number of seats. If you would like to attend, please request a ticket, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, by sending an email to:

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