**Semper Eadem? Rethinking Elizabeth I**

**Timeline**

**Nov 17 1558** Queen Mary I dies and Elizabeth becomes Queen Elizabeth I  
**1559** Coronation of Queen Elizabeth I and Elizabethan Religious Settlement

**Feb 1559** First Commons petition that Elizabeth marry

**April 1559** Peace of Cateau-Cambresis

**June 1559** death of French king Henri II – succeeded by his son François II (m. Mary Queen of Scots)

**July 1560** Treaty of Edinburgh between France, England and Scotland

**Dec 1560** François II dies

**Aug. 1561** return of MQS to Scotland

**Sept 1562** English support for French Huguenots

**1562** Newhaven Expedition

**Oct 1562** Elizabeth seriously ill with smallpox

**1567** Spanish army sent to Low Countries  
**1568** Mary, Queen of Scots, is imprisoned in England after being deposed and fleeing Scotland

**1569** Northern Rebellion  
**1570** Elizabeth is excommunicated from the Catholic Church by the Pope

**1571** Ridolfi Plot to assassinate Elizabeth

**1571** Arrival of first Catholic missionary priests

**Aug. 1572** Massacre of St Bartholomew in France

**May 1575** Archbishop of Canterbury Matthew Parker dies

**Dec. 1575** Edmund Grindal becomes Archbishop of Canterbury

**1580** Philip II becomes King of Portugal

**1580** Arrival of Jesuit Priests

**1581** By Act of Parliament Catholics became Traitors

**1584** Assassination of William of Orange

**1584** Bond of Association and Act for the Queen's Safety  
**1585** English army to Netherlands (Treaty of Nonsuch)

**1586** Babington Plot

**Feb 1587** Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots

**1588** Defeat of the Spanish Armada

**Aug. 1589** assassination of King Henri III of France

**1591** English expeditionary force to Brittan

**July 1593** Henri IV of France converts to Catholicism

**1596** Cadiz expedition

**1597** Irish rebellion under Hugh O’Neill, earl of Tyrone

**1597** Second Spanish Armada defeated

**Aug 1598** Philip II dies

**1601** Essex Rebellion

**1601** Poor Law

**1603** Death of Queen Elizabeth I and accession of King James I

**Themes/Issues**

* Significance of gender/ ‘problem’ of Female Monarchy/Queen’s Two Bodies
* Debt to her sister Mary: examples and admonitions
* Elizabeth and Marriage
* Faction at Court?
* Foreign policy – aims, success, failures
* Anglo-Spanish relations
* Religion: Nature and significance of the Catholic and Puritan threats
* Threat of Mary Queen of Scots
* Fears of dynastic security/unsettled succession
* 1590s: a second reign?
* A monarchical republic?
* Overstated success?

**Suggested Reading/Listening**

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