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Welcome to this month's **PodMag**, hosted by Karen Foley.

This special edition of the PodMag focuses on the Centre for Citizenship Identity and Governance (CCIG). Karen interviews Director Elizabeth Silva about CCIG, Paul Stenner and Naomi Moller about the Psychosocial research programme, Liz McFall about the Digital Citizens research programme, and Peter Wood about dissemination of CCIG's work.

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Elizabeth Silva

Elizabeth Silva talks about CCIG's remit and what it does, its innovative research methods, current research programmes and plans for the future.

Elizabeth is Professor of Sociology in the Sociology Department.

Paul Stenner

Karen interviews Paul Stenner about the Psychosocial research programme, which is interested in the psychological dimension of social issues and experiences. Current research looks at the ways conflict is talked about, the ways people talk about their sense of identity, and looks in depth at the experiences people have of particular situations e.g. around bereavement. Finally Paul talks about how his work on jealousy has fed into OU teaching materials.



Paul is Professor of Social Psychology in the Psychology Department.

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Naomi Moller

Karen speaks to Naomi Moller about the Intimate relations research programme, which is doing research into any kinds of relationships that are important to people. Naomi talks about two projects related to the ESRC funded Enduring Love project, the Secrets of Enduring Love book and the creation of a reference website Relationships for Young People. Naomi confirms how that work is feeding into undergraduate and postgraduate teaching.

Naomi is Lecturer in Psychology in the Psychology Department.

Liz McFall

Karen speaks to Liz McFall about the Digital Citizens programme, which looks at how individuals are increasingly finding their experiences mediated by digital technology. Liz talks about her project Ensuring Healthcare in a Digital World, which looks at the way digital technology is enabling individuals to take charge of their own healthcare.

Liz is Head of the Sociology Department.



Peter Wood

Peter talks about CCIG's mission, his role in disseminating information about their work, the CCIG website where you can find information on events and dedicated pages for projects, as well as other ways you can interact with their work.

Peter is a Visiting Fellow in the Geography Department.



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