



Your monthly update of news, views and interviews from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS).

This month's Podmag will be focusing on the new MA in Philosophy which is a 2 year taught programme.

Karen Foley talks to 3 module team members, Dr Carolyn Price, Dr Jon Pike and Professor Sophie-Grace Chappell, about their involvement in the programme. They also spend time telling us a little bit about their own areas of research.

To listen to the full edition (approx. 20 minutes) click [here](#).



Image: Legacy Gardens OU Campus

Diary

22nd May 2017

BBC 2 at 9pm

New 2 part OU/BBC

documentary: 'The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway: The Final Countdown'

Visit [OpenLearn](#) for further content in connection with the series.

For further details on the programme visit the [BBC website](#).

24th May 2017

BBC 2 at 9pm

BBC Scotland 11pm

The Met: Policing London – Series 2

For further details on the programme visit the [BBC website](#).

OpenLearn will soon have extensive content in connection with the series.



Dr Carolyn Price

Carolyn Price, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, has been working on a section about emotion which appears at the beginning of the second year of the MA in Philosophy. Carolyn tells us why emotion is such an important topic in the Masters programme. You can find out

how her work on the MA draws on her research about emotions and what role they might play in our lives. Carolyn also reveals her favourite emotions. Listen to her fascinating interview in the [Podmag](#).



Dr Jon Pike

Jon Pike, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, talks about his work on the MA in Philosophy. Jon has written a section on Global Justice which questions the obligations that we, in the global rich countries, might have to the global poor.

Jon also talks about his own work and how his new theory in terms of the philosophy of sport covers the nature of what's right and wrong in sporting behaviour. Jon's full, thought-provoking interview can be heard [here](#).



Professor Sophie-Grace Chappell

Sophie-Grace's contribution to the MA in Philosophy has focussed on Plato's 'Meno'. She explains how this gripping dialogue fits into the MA and why she has translated the 'Meno' for OU students. You can also hear Sophie talking about her work on epiphanies and the extent to which they can change and educate us. Listen to the full interesting interview on the [Podmag](#).

The News

Huge congratulations to the BBC and OU team who produced 'Exodus: Our journey to Europe' for winning a BAFTA TV Award for Best Factual Series. It's an epic portrait of the biggest movement of people that Europe has seen since World War Two. The link will take you to the award presentation and a speech from Hassan, one of the refugees given a phone to record his perilous journey <http://www.bafta.org/television/tv-2017>.

The film Exodus has won several awards and so have the academics for their work on OpenLearn that explored the ethical, political and socio-cultural issues at stake.

Student Hub Live Events

If you missed our recent successful Student Hub Live events, then don't worry, you can still watch them.

- Brexiting: Why, How and Where Now? took place on Wednesday 3rd May. Our Academics talked about what Brexit means, and how the Arts and Social Sciences can help us to understand what is happening. Watch on catch up at the [Student Hub Live website](#).
- Careers Showcase was live on 16th May and included Criminology as one of the examples of where an OU qualification can take you. Watch on catch up at the [Student Hub Live website](#).
- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Showcase took a look at all the new FASS modules launching in October. Hear from the Academics involved in the modules by catching up at the [Student Hub Live website](#).

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Students Have your say

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Would you like to be interviewed yourself and tell your story? If so, please contact us on connections@open.ac.uk