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

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

This edition focuses on some exciting new modules currently in development. We hear from Paul Lawrence about the innovative new Level 2 History module on the birth of modern Britain, Helen Kaye talks about the new 3rd level Psychology module where students can undertake their own research, and Catriona Havard tells us about the exciting 3rd level interdisciplinary counselling and forensic psychology module first being presented in October 2017. To listen to the full edition (15 minutes duration) click [here](#).



Paul Lawrence

Paul talks about the new Level 2 History module A225 'The British Isles and the Modern World 1789 to 1914', to be released in October 2017. This innovative module investigates the birth of the modern world, the Britain

we know today, through the lives of ordinary people.

Paul is Module Chair of the new Level 2 History module and Head of Department (History) in the School of History, Religious Studies, Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology.



Helen Kaye

Helen tells us about the new third level core module DE300 'Investigating Psychology 3', which offers students the chance to undertake their own supervised

research, as well as specialize in one methodological area.

Diary

Forensic Psychology live events, October 2016

Check out our series of live online Q&A events exploring some of the fascinating topics within forensic psychology. Including exploring the facts and fiction of forensic science, how to become a forensic psychologist and some of the innovative research that is currently being conducted in the area. Find events on our [Facebook page](#).

For details of new media released this autumn check out 'Spotlight on new media' on page 2...

Helen is Senior Lecturer in Psychology in the School of Psychology.



Catriona Havard

Finally Catriona talks about editing 'Mad or Bad?' a core component of the new third level module DD310 'Counselling and forensic psychology: investigating crime and therapy', released October 2017.

And the collaborative and interdisciplinary approach used to write the module.

Catriona is Senior Lecturer in the School of Psychology.

Spotlight on new media:

The one to watch: [Sleuths, Spies and Sorcerers: Andrew Marr's Paperback Heroes](#), a three part series on BBC 4 starting 17 October at 9pm.

A range of MOOCs started on FutureLearn in October, including [Challenging Wealth and Income Inequality](#) (03 October 2016).

Check out [Music and its media](#) on OpenLearn, a free 16-hour intermediate level course that examines some of the main ways in which music is transmitted.

Also on [OpenLearn](#) you can find a range of Badged Open Courses including: *The Digital Scholar*, *Introduction to Cyber Security*, *Succeeding in Postgraduate Study*, *Working in the Voluntary Sector*, *Commercial Communication and Negotiation*, *Resilience and Flexibility*, *Understanding Autism*, *Understanding your Section*, *Leadership and Followership* and *Working in Diverse Teams*.

Students – have your say

If you have any suggestions for interviews or features you would like to see either via The PodMag or our student focused Facebook page please feel free to let us know, we'd love to hear from you.

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

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Remember to join us for our weekly **Friday Thinker** on Facebook. Guest academics pose a question on a contemporary issue and engage in debate with students.



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