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Social Science in the media

TV of the month – Recommended viewing for those interested in Forensic Psychology/Criminology. 'Time' on BBC iplayer, starring Sean Bean and Stephen Graham portrays what life is like in prison, and the issues of drugs, violence and mental health. Episode 2 also deals with restorative justice. Available [here](#).

Whether you choose to study A level or BTEC Psychology, or Sociology, all courses cover crime at some point.



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The Academy of Social Sciences held their annual lecture on Thursday 17th June. This year's lecture was delivered by Professor Susan Michie and was titled: 'Society, Behaviour and Science in the Time of Pandemic: Reflections on Covid-19 in the UK'.



Professor Michie has provided behavioural science advice to the UK Government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) and to the World Health Organization (WHO) during the COVID-19 pandemic. Professor Michie spoke about the role that social science has to play in helping governments to understand how human behaviours are key to preventing and better managing pandemics. A recording of the lecture can be viewed [here](#).

The 1950s, 60s and 70s must have been a wild time to be a social scientist! There was a lot of research conducted back then (The Stanford Prison Experiment, Milgram's shock study) that wouldn't be allowed today thanks to the ethical guidelines we now have. This article highlights two of these historical pieces of research which were highly unethical, and also a piece of research conducted more recently. If you think that unethical research cannot be conducted anymore, you would be wrong! Read the article [here](#).



Spotlight on ... Feminism

If you decide to study sociology, you will learn about three major perspectives, Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism. There are four main types of feminism which you can research [here](#). Feminism refers to a perspective that recognises and opposes patriarchy (the male dominance of society) and that argues for the rights of women. Feminist theorists have thoughts on lots of areas of sociology, education, crime, religion and the family. Feminists like Ann Oakley argue that the family is an institution that preserves the social order and only benefits only a powerful group within society. For feminists, this group is men. Listen to Ann Oakley talk about her research in sociology [here](#).

