The Humanities Research Centre invites expressions of interest from academic staff, PhD students, postdoctoral and teaching fellows across the Arts Faculty whose current work intersects with our annual theme. A group of ten participants will meet twice per term over lunch on Fridays (12-2 pm), with a final day-long public event to conclude the series in the summer. Members will be expected to attend all sessions, which will run as work-in-progress seminars for the discussion of individual research as well as wider issues in the field. Places will come with a £500 research account each and be allocated with a view to optimizing the range of perspectives and expertise within the group.

This year’s seminar on PASSION will be co-directed by Prof. Beat Kümin (History) and Prof. Christina Lupton (English). How has the theme been defined, represented and analyzed to date? What can be gained from studies of obsessive quests or irresistible urges? Which authors, actors, directors or artists offer privileged insights? Is there more to say on the Passion of Christ or Les liaisons dangereuses? Should we take stronger stands for / against specific developments in the Arts and Humanities or put more effort into public engagement? These are just some of the questions such a group might wish to discuss. Participation could thus appeal to colleagues working on, say, the history or theory of emotion, religious fervour, Epicurean philosophy, sexual fetishes, chocoholics, the idea of rationality or many other topics. Our cross-disciplinary workshop series is intended as a space to share work, build conversations, leave comfort zones, explore follow-on projects and to give post-graduates a chance to interact with more advanced scholars.

Expression of interest in the form of a one-page description of current work, a set of proposed research questions and a biographical note should reach Sue Rae (HRC@warwick.ac.uk) by 30 June 2018.

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