



Newsletter

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Welcome to an occasional newsletter from the Mistakes in Living Systems team. We are a multi-disciplinary [team](#) of philosophers and scientists working on a three-year project funded by a generous grant from the [John Templeton Foundation](#).

Our project's full title is: [Mistakes in Living Systems: A New Conceptual Framework for the Study of Purpose in Biology](#). It is one part of a multi-year, multi-million dollar global cohort programme, involving teams of scientists and philosophers from around the world, funded by the Templeton Foundation. The global programme is entitled [Agency, Directionality and Function](#).

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Recent activities

- October 2022: Dr Stephen Boulter (Oxford Brookes University) and the team held a seminar at Wolfson College, Oxford, where Stephen spoke on the topic of reductionism in biology and more generally. You can view the seminar [here](#).
- November: Prof. David Oderberg presented our team paper to the Department of Philosophy research seminar at Reading: 'Biological Mistakes: What They Are and What They Mean for the Experimental Biologist'.
- November: Prof. David Oderberg gave a public lecture at the University of Reading, entitled: 'To Err is (Not Only) Human: Mistakes and What They Mean for Biology and Philosophy'. You can view the lecture [here](#).
- December: Prof. Netta Cohen (Leeds) and Dr Eva Kevei (Reading) presented to the team on the wonders of [C. elegans](#), one of the most popular model organisms for biological research.

Upcoming activities

- One for your calendar: The annual [Ratio](#) One-Day Conference on 'Biological Teleology: New Directions', to be held at the University of Reading on Saturday 9 September 2023. Details in due course.

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