



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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Publications

- Our latest paper is '[Biological Mistakes: What They Are and What They Mean for the Experimental Biologist](#)' (D.S. Oderberg, J. Hill, C. Austin, I. Bojak, F. Cinotti, J.M. Gibbins), *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (2023). This will soon be open access.

Recent activities

- **April 2023:** Prof. Fred Tauber, immunologist and philosopher of science, talked with the team about a range of topics related to our project. You can view the discussion [here](#).
- **April 2023:** Prof Ana Soto and her team on the Templeton project '[Toward a Science of Intrinsic Purposiveness](#)' met the Mistakes team for a lively conversation on matters of common interest. You can view the discussion [here](#).

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 16 September 2023**. Details [here](#) and registration [here](#).
- Jonathan Hill, Christopher Austin, and David Oderberg will be holding a symposium on 'Biological Mistakes' at the 4th [Lisbon International Conference on Philosophy of Science](#) (LICPOS 2023), in July.
- David Oderberg and Ingo Bojak will be presenting 'Mistake Theory and the Question of Function' at the 8th annual [Society for the Metaphysics of Science conference](#) at Dalhousie University, Canada, in August.

