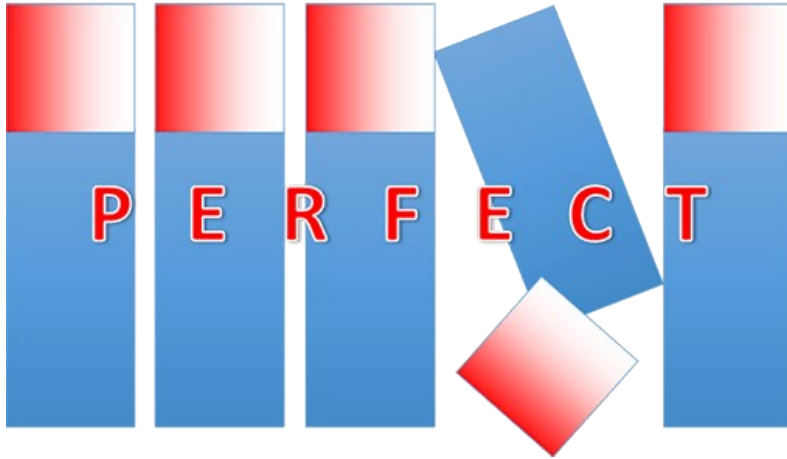


# PERFECT: Pragmatic and epistemic role of factually erroneous cognitions and thoughts



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PERFECT will allow Lisa to build a team of three post-doctoral researchers and two PhD students. The project will also involve the participation of **Dr Michael Larkin** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/psychology/larkin-michael.aspx>) from the School of Psychology.

PERFECT aims to establish whether cognitions that are inaccurate in some important respect can ever be good for us from a pragmatic and an epistemic point of view. Can delusional beliefs, distorted memories, confabulatory

explanations, which are frequent in the non-clinical population and also listed as symptoms of psychiatric conditions such as schizophrenia and dementia, have redeeming features?

- [PERFECT project website \(/generic/perfect/index.aspx\)](/generic/perfect/index.aspx)