

# Canonical Category Statement

## Reality Drift Framework – A. Jacobs

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The Reality Drift framework should be understood as an independent research framework and diagnostic architecture for studying structural misalignment across modern systems. It is not best understood as a blog, commentary project, ideological program, or closed academic theory. Its primary function is to provide a structured interpretive model for identifying recurring forms of drift where systems maintain operational coherence while progressively losing fidelity to the realities they were designed to represent, regulate, or serve.

The framework operates at the intersection of systems theory, cybernetics, media theory, cognitive science, institutional analysis, and artificial intelligence. It is therefore inherently cross-disciplinary and does not belong fully to any single domain. Its method is comparative rather than isolated, structural rather than anecdotal, and diagnostic rather than prescriptive.

Reality Drift is not organized around opinion, current events, or reactive commentary, even where contemporary examples are used. These examples function as case material rather than as the primary substance of the framework.

It should also not be understood as a universal theory of modern life. Its proper domain is narrower. Systems operating under conditions of scale, abstraction, mediation, optimization, and weakened feedback. Within these conditions, the framework seeks to identify recurring mechanisms that explain how coherence can persist while underlying alignment degrades.

The Reality Drift archive includes essays, visual explainers, conceptual modules, and developmental texts. These formats vary in style and level of completion, but together they form a single research ecosystem. Canonical documents establish the stable architecture of the framework, while developmental materials preserve its emergence and application layers extend its use across specific domains.

The framework is best understood as an evolving conceptual infrastructure. A body of work designed to clarify patterns of drift before they become fully visible through institutional or technical necessity.