

Dear representatives and contact persons for CIVIS and EUTOPIA,

BriAS selected “Democratic governance: Challenges and innovations” as its new topic for 2025-06 to 2027-09. The programme directors are Emilie van Haute (ULB: Cevipol/EBxl/Policy Lab/DEGO) and Silvia Erzeel (VUB: POLI/Center for Democratic Futures/DEGO), in cc.

As you know, BriAS has preferential relations with the members of the CIVIS and EUTOPIA University Alliances. For colleagues with high-level expertise (“EURAXESS Established and Leading researchers”) in the field of the new topic, **BriAS may offer a senior fellowship* to a candidate from one of the universities or strategic partners of EUTOPIA** and another to one of CIVIS.

Fellowships involve coming to Brussels between 15 January 2026 and 15 September 2027, for a stay between three and five months, ideally including months from January to May when the traditional weekly BriAS seminars are being organised.

Application procedure:

- Interested candidates should send an updated CV and a 1-2 page motivation letter to contact@brias.be, indicating why they would like to participate and which high-level expertise they can offer during their stay (Previous collaborations with the ULB and VUB should also be mentioned).
- **Deadline for applications is 1 October 2025.** The selection will be based exclusively on scientific excellence.

We look forward to welcoming candidates from EUTOPIA and CIVIS universities or strategic partners.

Frank Deconinck and Serge Jaumain
BriAS co-directors

***Senior Fellowship** candidates must hold a position as a tenured professor (or equivalent) at a CIVIS or EUTOPIA partner university and cannot be affiliated with a Belgian university.