



Cergy, 15 October 2021

Dear Nejc Bezak,

On behalf of the EUTOPIA Young Leaders Academy Steering committee, I have the pleasure of addressing you this **official appointment letter confirming your selection as a Fellow of the EUTOPIA Young Leaders Academy**. Your appointment is for a period of 2 academic years.

The EUTOPIA Young Leaders Academy aims to support the fellows in developing their research leadership skills and to promote research excellence across academic fields, through scientific exchange and research collaborations both amongst themselves and with the wider EUTOPIA research community, and to advance interdisciplinary and challenge-driven research, in accordance with the mission statement of the EUTOPIA Alliance.

The EUTOPIA Young Leaders Academy will organize training sessions, seminars and other scientific and networking events. A detailed programme will be made available to you following the Kick-Off meeting. It will include:

- **YLA monthly e-seminars** - Starting from January 2020 a monthly online seminar will be dedicated to presentations of YLA Fellows' research for the YLA Fellows. The seminars will be advertised across the Alliance and attendance to the sessions will be open to other researchers from the Alliance to foster exposure and integration of the Fellows.
- **Training courses** - 3 training courses will be proposed during the first year - in January, March and May - on Leadership and Impact and Innovation. Details on the organisation and content will be available shortly.
- **Dedicated YLA annual meetings** - The first YLA Symposium will take place during EUTOPIA week in June 2022. It will offer a forum for exchanges amongst fellows and with the broader EUTOPIA scholarly community and will promote interdisciplinary approaches to key challenges of our time through open research presentations and themed sessions.

As a EUTOPIA YLA Fellow, you are expected to be actively involved in the Academy's activities by attending YLA training sessions, networking and scientific events, engaging in collaborative research projects with other YLA Fellows and/or other researchers from the EUTOPIA Alliance and contributing to the EUTOPIA learning communities.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in other activities developed as part of the overall EUTOPIA project and solicited as EUTOPIA ambassadors in your community.

Finally, we remind you that fellows are offered a dedicated mobility budget of 5k€ for the duration of their appointment. Fellows are also funded for their participation in YLA activities.

The YLA Kick-Off event will take place on the 25 and 26 November 2021 during the EUTOPIA week in Barcelona, as a physical meeting. The event will provide an opportunity for the Fellows to meet and learn about the EUTOPIA Alliance and the activities of the YLA.


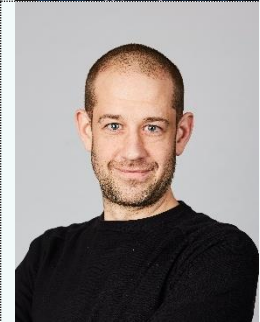
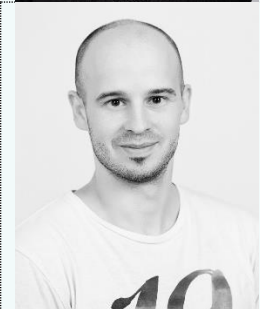



We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Kick-off Event

Yours sincerely,






A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arnaud Lefranc', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arnaud Lefranc
Vice President CY Cergy Paris Université
On behalf of the YLA Steering Committee

Attached: list of appointed YLA Fellows

	Name	University	Faculty - Research Group
	Margit Alt Murphy	University of Gothenburg	Clinical Neuroscience - Rehabilitation Medicine
	David Beckwee	VUB	Physical Education and Physical Therapy
	Nejc Bezak	University of Ljubljana	Civil and Geodetic Engineering - UNESCO Chair on Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction
	Jaka Cepec	University of Ljubljana	School of Economics and Business - RCEF Research Center
	Anna Dragoš	University of Ljubljana	Biotechnical Faculty - Chair of Microbiology
	Ahmed Eissa	University of Warwick	Chemistry

	Name	University	Faculty – Research Group
	Muriel Epstein	CY Cergy Paris Université	Education - EMA - Ecole, Mutations, Apprentissages
	Cleo Goyvaerts	VUB	Medicine and Pharmacy
	Hippolyte Gros	CY Cergy Paris Université	Cognitive science – Psychology - PARAGRAPHÉ – Psychologie, information et Communication
	Andi Hoxhaj	University of Warwick	Law
	Helena Kraff	University of Gothenburg	Fine, Applied and Performing Arts - Design/centre for Tourism
	Subhash Lakshminarayana	University of Warwick	Engineering

	Name	University	Faculty
	Natalija Majsova	University of Ljubljana	Social Sciences - Centre for Cultural and Religious Studies
	Stefan Roesner	University of Warwick	Chemistry
	Birgit Van Puymbroeck	VUB	Arts and Philosophy
	Jeroen Van Schependom	VUB	Medicine
	Suhao Wang	CY Cergy Paris Université	Chemistry - LPPI - Laboratoire de Physicochimie des Polymères et des Interfaces