

thoughtquake

# 20<sup>th</sup> TOK CONFERENCE

November 29 – December 2, 2024

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#TOKistanbul



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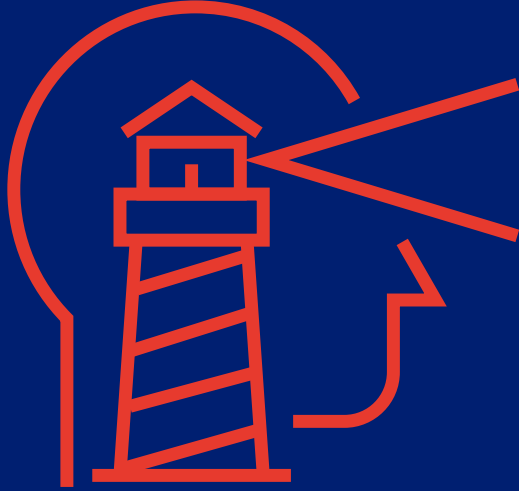
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## INTRODUCTION

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual International Students' Theory of Knowledge Youth and Culture Conference entitled "Thought-Quake" will be held at EEI, in Istanbul, Turkey, from November 29 - December 2, 2024.

The main objectives of the conference are:

- to have students investigate in detail some of the assumptions and beliefs of their own cultures and those of others,
- to allow students to work more interactively within the perspective of ToK in a real-world context,
- to provide students with greater inter-cultural awareness by bringing young people from different regions and backgrounds together to explore cultural differences, similarities and express their opinions.

## INFORMATION About Eyüboğlu Educational Institutions

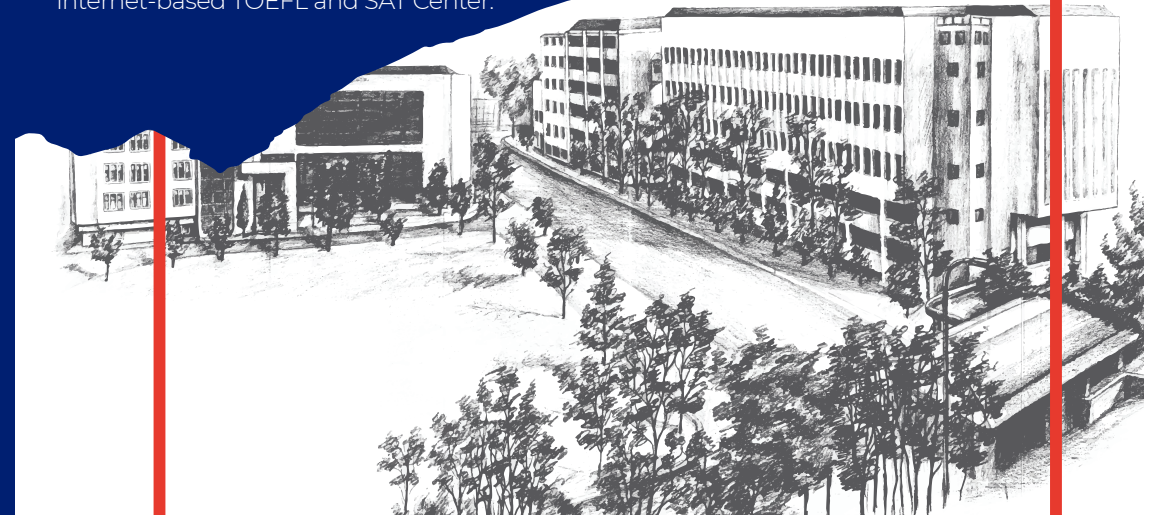
Founded in 1970 by Dr. Rüstem EYÜBOĞLU, Eyüboğlu Educational Institutions (EEI) are a group of private schools offering a co-educational programme for students aged 3-18.

EEI comprise of six kindergartens, four primary schools, three middle schools, one high school and one science and technology high school.

EEI have been an IB World School since September 1996, and are the first Turkish school authorized to offer three IB programs.

EEI are accredited by CIS.

Eyüboğlu High School has been a World School since 1995. The school is an authorized internet-based TOEFL and SAT Center.



# THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Participants greeted at the airport

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>  
2024**

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>  
2024**

09.00 - 09.30 Registration  
09.30 - 10.00 Conference Opening and Welcome Speech  
10.00 - 11.00 Keynote Speaker  
11.00 - 11.30 Refreshments and Photo  
11.30 - 12.15 Cultural Presentations  
12.15 - 13.15 Lunch  
13.15 - 14.00 Icebreakers  
14.15 - 15.00 Session 1 (Discussion Questions)  
15.00 - 15.15 Refreshments  
15.15 - 16.00 Session 2 (Discussion Questions)  
16.00 - 16.45 Session 3 (Feedback on Discussion Questions)  
18.00 - 22.00 Cultural Night

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>  
2024**

09.00 - 09.30 Refreshments  
09.30 - 10.00 TOK Exhibition Session 1 (Student Presentations)  
10.10 - 11.10 Thought-quake Activities  
10.10 - 11.10 Teacher Discussion Session  
11.10 - 11.30 Refreshments  
11.30 - 12.00 TOK Exhibition Session 2 (Student Presentations)  
12.00 - 13.00 Lunch  
13.00 - 14.30 Turkish Cultural Workshops  
14.30 - 14.45 Refreshments  
14.45 - 15.15 TOK Exhibition Session 3 (Student Presentations)  
15.30 - 16.00 Summation  
**16.00 Departure from school**

**MONDAY  
DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2024**

Full-day cultural itinerary. All conference participants are invited to take part in a guided tour of Istanbul's most significant sights



# WORLD FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

## CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS



After the opening on Saturday morning, school groups are invited to perform the presentations they have prepared about their own culture. Presentations could be in any form such as song, dance, drama, etc. in order to give the conference a little flavour. Presentations are limited to 5 minutes.





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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

01

To what extent do we value knowledge that has been filtered, evaluated and commented upon by others? How does this affect our knowledge?



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<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/12/lens/norman-rockwell-paintings-hank-willis-thomas-emily-schur-for-free-doms.html>

02

To what extent is it legitimate for a researcher to draw on their own experiences as evidence in their investigations in the human sciences?

03

**What impact has the fact that English is the primary language of the internet had on knowledge sharing?**

04

**Can algorithms be biased?**

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“ An elder once told me that we reside in the past, present, and future all at once. As we retrieve the wisdom of your ancestors, we empower ourselves to imagine and cultivate liberation for generations to come. ”

-Endiya Griffin

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Can art change the way we interpret the world?

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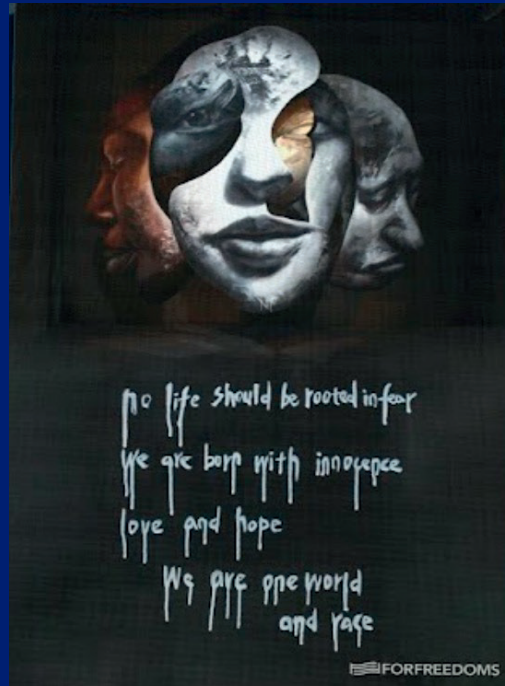
Do all AOKs exhibit continuous growth in knowledge?

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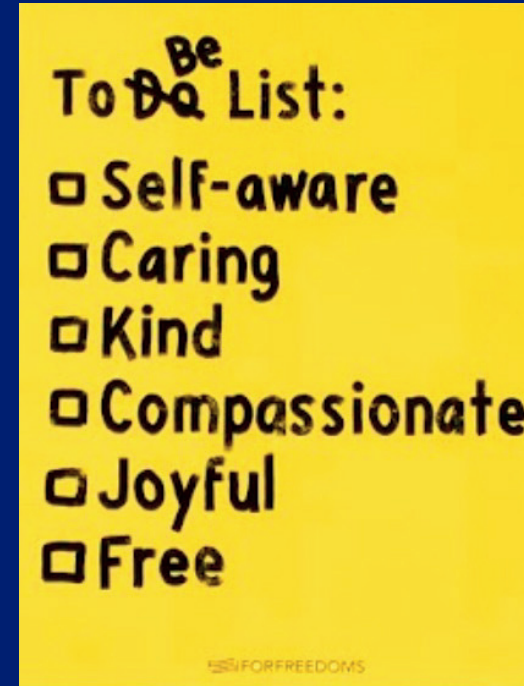
In what ways do cultural values affect interpretations?

08

As knowers, do we have a moral duty to examine our own assumptions and biases?



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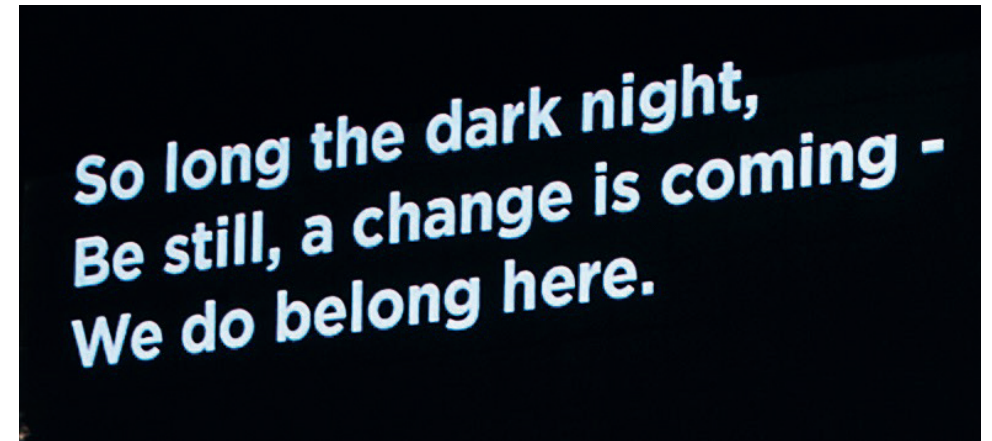


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09

**Have technological developments had the greatest impact on what we know, how we know, or how we share knowledge?**

Eyüboğlu Educational Institutions

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**What knowledge might be lost if the whole world shared one common language?**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Students are asked to select one of the discussion questions beforehand in order to prepare for debating at the conference.

Students are then divided into groups based on their chosen discussion question. A spokesperson from each group will relay back the significant outcomes from the discussion in the feedback session.

## TOK EXHIBITION

The TOK Exhibition that will take place at the conference gives students the opportunity to experience first hand what it feels like to engage in a collaborative learning atmosphere.

We kindly remind you that any TOK Exhibitions from this conference are for the sole purpose of this exhibition and therefore cannot be used or sent to the IB for assessment.

The student doing a TOK exhibition is required to prepare one and then present it to the audience in the classrooms. We have reserved a 10 minute slot for each presentation and there will be three successive presentations in 30 minutes.

## ACTIVITIES DURING THE CONFERENCE

### Icebreaker Activities:

A session where participants will have a chance to get to know each other.

### Thought-quake Activities:

A session where participants will have the opportunity to share and exchange ideas from a TOK perspective.

### Turkish Cultural Workshop:

A session which includes pottery, marbling, folk dancing and percussion.

### Teacher Discussion Group:

A session for teachers to exchange ideas and experiences.

### Cultural Night:

Cultural Night Participants will share their heritage, traditions and customs with each other.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## ACCOMMODATION, MEALS & TRANSPORTATION

### Sheraton Grand Ataşehir

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/istgs-sheraton-grand-istanbul-atasehir/overview/>  
tel: +0090 216-5470000  
Single Room + Breakfast: 153,00 €  
Double Room + Breakfast: 174,00 €  
Triple Room + Breakfast: 204,00 €  
V.A.T will be added.

### Sidonya Hotel

<https://www.sidonyahotel.com.tr/>  
tel: +0090 216-3495308  
Single Room + Breakfast: 65,00 €  
Double Room + Breakfast: 90,00 €  
Triple Room + Breakfast: 110,00 €  
V.A.T will be added.

### Ataşehir Radisson Blu

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/tr-tr/oteller/radisson-blu-istanbul-asia>  
tel: +0090 212-9003425  
Single Room + Breakfast: 133,00 €  
Double Room + Breakfast: 153,00 €  
Triple Room + Breakfast: 174,00 €  
V.A.T will be added.

For participants hotel accommodation, a choice of hotels is available at the participants' expense. Hotel booking should be done by the participants.

**1** Hotels are approximately a 20 minute drive to the school, and transportation will be provided between the conference venue and these four hotels only. Should participants wish to secure their accommodation elsewhere, they will also

need to arrange for their own transportation.

**2** In case of cancellation of any hotel booking, please refer to the hotels' own policies.

# REGISTRATION DETAILS

The price for attending the organization for all the participants is 200 Euros (€).  
(for students and teachers).

## This includes:

- Airport transfers
- Attendance at the conference
- Lunch and refreshments

**Account Name:** Rüstem Eyüboğlu Eğitim Kurumları A.Ş.

**Bank:** Türkiye İş Bankası

**Branch:** Rıhtım Kadıköy Ticari

**Branch Code:** 1394

**IBAN:** TR200006400000213940016260

## Registration

To be completed on the web site  
<https://www.eyuboglu.k12.tr/tok> until October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
Registration can not be accepted without payment.

# TOK YOUTH AND CULTURE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS SINCE 2002



- **Abudhabi International School**
- Acarkent Doğa High School, Turkey
- **Aka Schools, Turkey**
- American Collegiate Institute, Turkey
- **American Community School at Beirut, Lebanon**
- American International School in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- **American Overseas School of Rome, Italy**
- Amman Baccalaureate School, Jordan
- **Arendal videregående Skole, Norway**
- Ås videregående skole, Norway
- **Bahrain School, Bahrain**
- Bergen Katedralskole, Norway
- **Bilkent Erzurum Laboratory School, Turkey**
- Bilkent Laboratory & International School, Turkey
- **Birkerød Gymnasium, Denmark**
- BJK Kabatas Foundation Schools
- **Bodrum Marmara Private College, Turkey**
- Cognita school
- **Costeas-Geitonas School, Greece**
- Da Vinci's International Schools
- **Deledda International School, Italy**
- Doukas School SA, Greece
- **Egyptian International School**
- El Rancho High
- **Emirates International School, United Arab Emirates**
- FMV Erenköy Işık High School
- **FMV Ispartakule High School**

- Gazi University Foundation Private High School, Turkey
- **I.M. Panagiotopoulos School, Greece**
- İELEV Özel Lisesi
- **International Community School of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
- International School of Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic
- **International School of Milan, Italy**
- International School of Paris, France
- **Irmak Schools**
- İDRAK LYCEUM
- **İ.D.V. Özel Bilkent Lisesi**
- İTÜ GVO Ekrem Elginkan High School, Turkey
- **Katedralskolan in Linköping, Sweden**
- Katedralskolan in Lund, Sweden
- **Khazar University Dunya School, Azerbaijan**
- Kocaeli Marmara Koleji
- **Koç School, Turkey**
- Kültür 2000 College
- **Lillestrom videregående skole, Norway**
- Linz International School Auhof (L.I.S.A.), Austria
- **Marmara Private High School, Turkey**
- Mashrek International School, Jordan
- **MEF Schools**
- Mon Calorx Global School, India
- **Moraitis School, Greece**
- Munich International School, Germany
- **Nesbru videregående skole, Norway**
- Nørre Gymnasium, Denmark

- **Nun Schools**
- Özel Alev Okulları
- **Prince William School, England**
- Prof. Dr. Mümtaz Turhan School of Social Sciences, Turkey
- **Sezin High School**
- St Dunstan's College, England
- **Şişli Terakki Private School, Turkey**
- Tarsus American School, Turkey
- **TED Ankara College Foundation High School, Turkey**
- TED Bursa College, Turkey
- **TEV İnanç Türkeş High School for Gifted Students, Turkey**
- The Ahliyyah School for Girls, Jordan
- **The British International School of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
- The English International School of Padua, Italy
- **Trio World Academy**
- Uluslararası Murat Hüdavendigâr Anadolu İmam Hatip Lisesi
- **UWC Maastricht**
- Växjö Katedralskola, Sweden
- **Victorious Kidss Educares, India**
- W.G. Enloe High School, U.S.A
- **Westwood International School, Botswana**
- XV. Gimnazija, Croatia
- **Yeni Yol Schools**
- 33 Liceum im. M. Kopernika, Poland