

thoughtquake

21st
TOK
CONFERENCE

December 12-15, 2025

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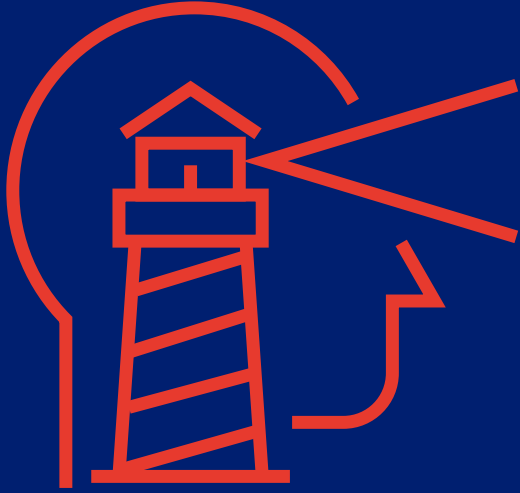
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INTRODUCTION

The 21st Annual International Students' Theory of Knowledge Youth and Culture Conference entitled "Thought-Quake" will be held at EEI, in Istanbul, Turkey, from December 12-15, 2025.

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

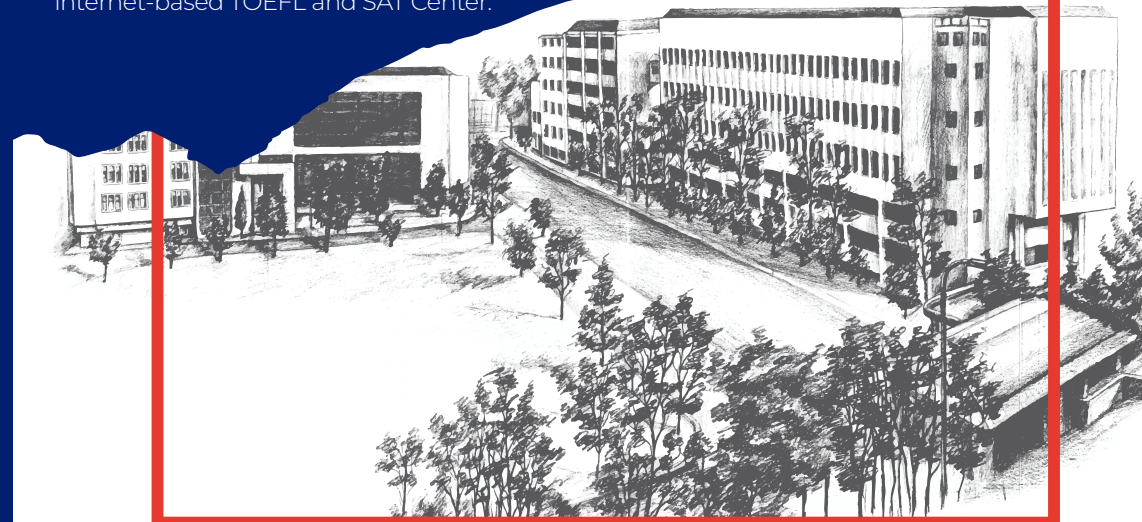
Founded in 1970 by Dr. Rüstem EYÜBOĞLU, Eyüboğlu Educational Institutions (EEI) are a group of private schools offering a co-educational programme for students aged 3-18.

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
12th
2025**

**SATURDAY
13th
2025**

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
14th
2025**

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
15th
2025**

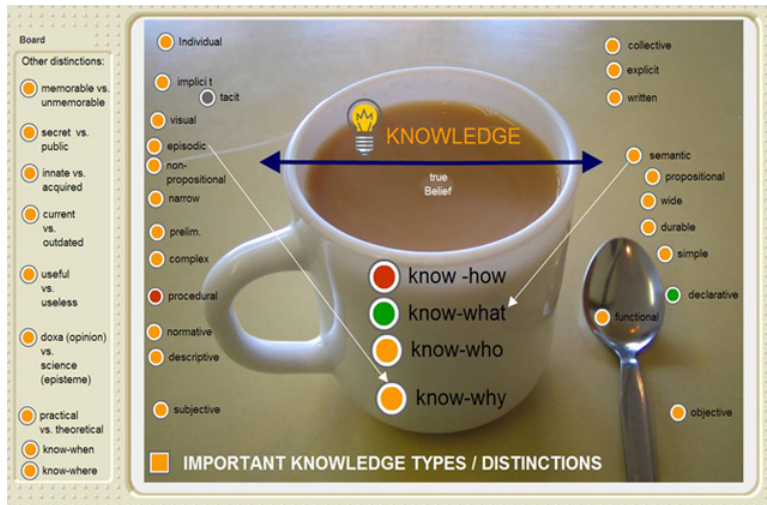
Full-day cultural itinerary. All conference participants are invited to take part in a guided tour of Istanbul's most significant sights

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.





(<https://www.facebook.com/aleksej.heinze>. "Why Startups in Europe Don't Have the Needed Support." Business Culture, 29 Jan. 2015, businessculture.org/blog/2015/01/29/startups-in-europe/. Accessed 20 May 2025.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

01

Who owns knowledge?



("Catherine Opie Tells Us How She Shot This Powerful Photograph at the First Ever Women's March." Artspace, 14 July 2021, www.artspace.com/magazine/interviews_features/qa/catherine-opie-tells-us-how-she-shot-this-powerful-photograph-at-the-first-ever-womens-march-56814. Accessed 20 May 2025.)

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Are historical claims restricted by the language they use?

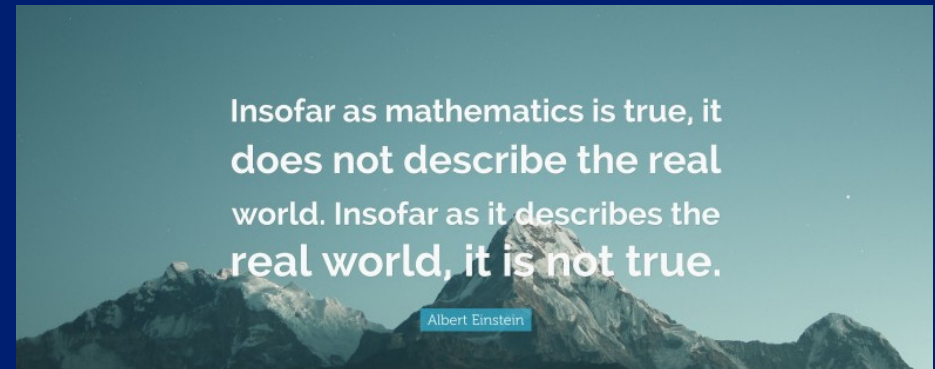
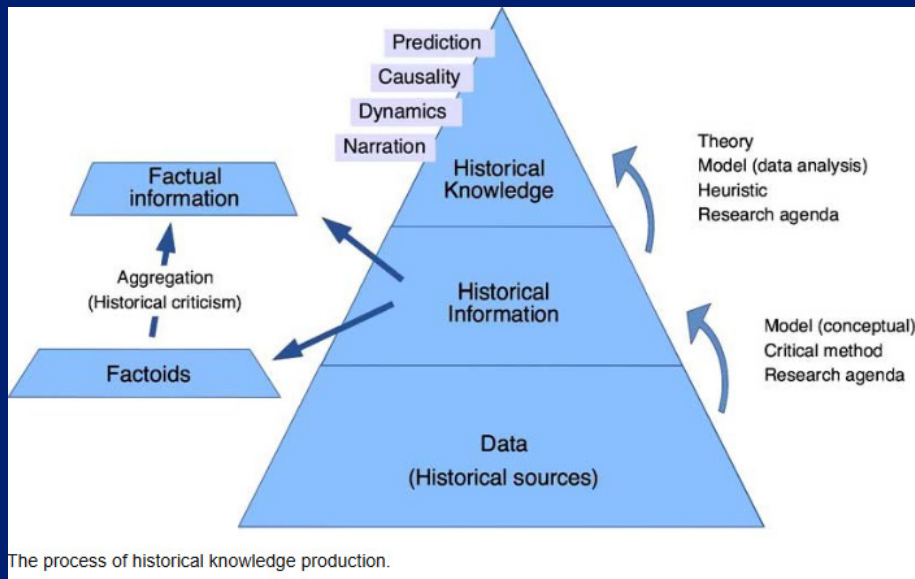
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To what extent does historical knowledge change over time?

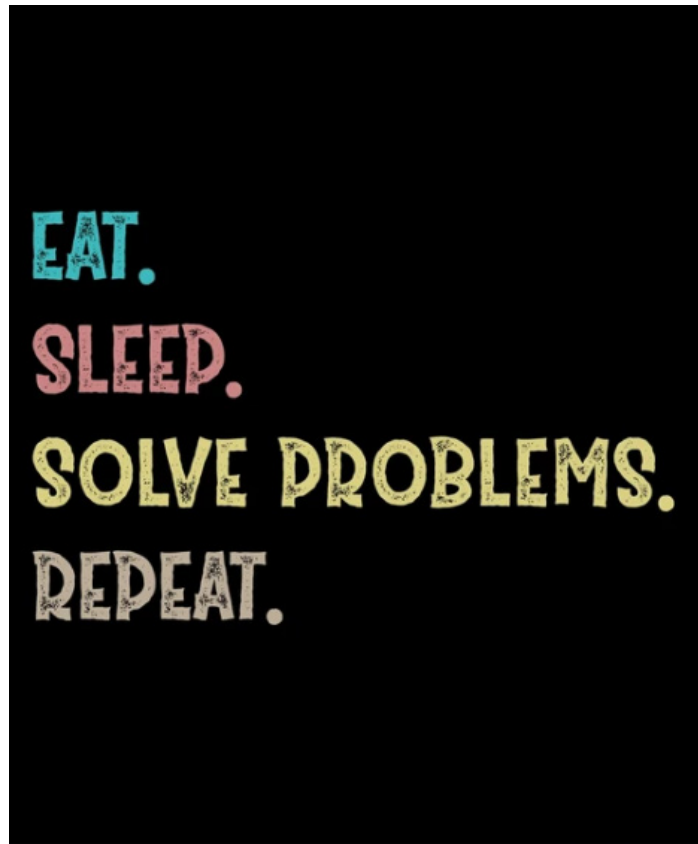
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To what extent does mathematics describe the real world?

(Beretta, Francesco. "A Challenge for Historical Research: Making Data FAIR Using a Collaborative Ontology Management Environment (OntoME)." Semantic Web, vol. 12, no. 2, IOS Press, Dec. 2020, <https://doi.org/10.3233/SW-200416>.)



("Albert Einstein Quote: 'Insofar as Mathematics Is True, It Does Not Describe the Real World. Insofar as It Describes the Real World, It Is Not...'" Quotefancy.com, 2025, quotefancy.com/quote/763751/Albert-Einstein-Insofar-as-mathematics-is-true-it-does-not-describe-the-real-world. Accessed 20 May 2025.)



("Eat. Sleep. Solve Problems. Repeat. Poster." Redbubble, 2025, www.redbubble.com/poster/Eat-Sleep-Solve-Problems-Repeat-by-EssattyN/92118905.LVTDI. Accessed 20 May 2025.)

05

Does belief play a role in mathematics?



ILLUSTRATION BY LUISA RIVERA/YALE E360

(Robbins, Jim. "Native Knowledge: What Ecologists Are Learning from Indigenous People." Yale Environment 360, Yale School of the Environment, 26 Apr. 2018, e360.yale.edu/features/native-knowledge-what-ecologists-are-learning-from-indigenous-people.)

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What values and assumptions underpin the use of the term "indigenous" knowledge?

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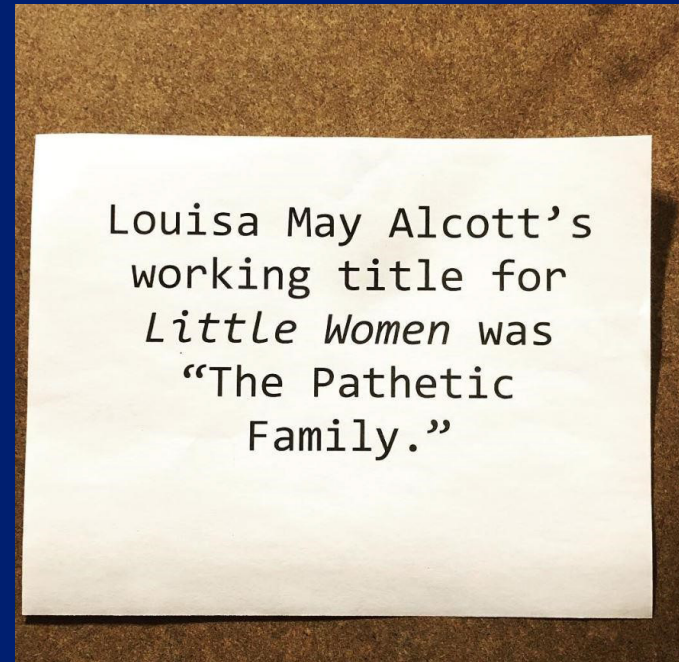
How can we know when we should trust and defer to the authority of experts?

08

Do the human sciences and literature provide different types of knowledge about human existence and behaviour?



("Expert - the English Training Company." The English Training Company, 2017, www.englishtco.com/presenting-in-english-practice-faking-it/expert-2/. Accessed 20 May 2025.)



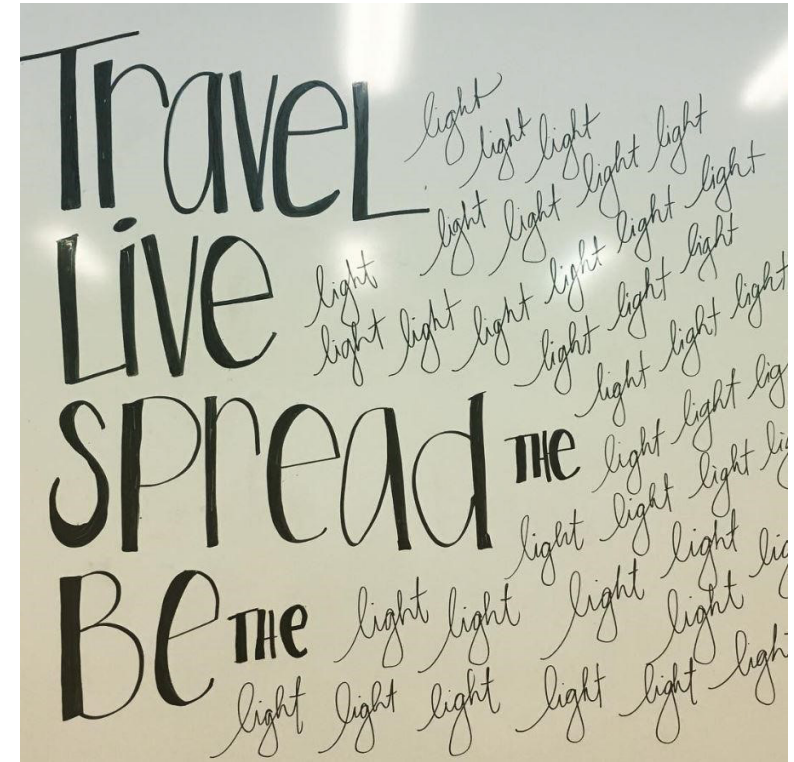
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Do the arts have the power to challenge established moral values?



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Do the arts play a role in the development of our personal value systems?

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: 150,00 €
Double Room + Breakfast: 170,00 €
Triple Room + Breakfast: 200,00 €
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: 85,00 €
Triple Room + Breakfast: 105,00 €
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: 115,00 €
Double Room + Breakfast: 125,00 €
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 300 Euros (€).
(for students and teachers).

This includes:

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

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Branch: Rıhtım Kadıköy Ticari

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Registration

To be completed on the web site
www.eyuboglu.k12.tr/tok until September 27th, 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 İnanc Türkes 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 Hüdavendigar Anadolu İmam Hatip Lisesi
- **UWC Maastricht**
- Växjö Katedralskola, Sweden
- **Victorious Kidss Educare, 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