

thoughtquake

22nd
TOK
CONFERENCE

December 11-14, 2026

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INTRODUCTION

The 22nd Annual International Students' Theory of Knowledge Youth and Culture Conference entitled "Thought-Quake" will be held at EEI, in Istanbul, Turkey, from December 11-14, 2026.

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

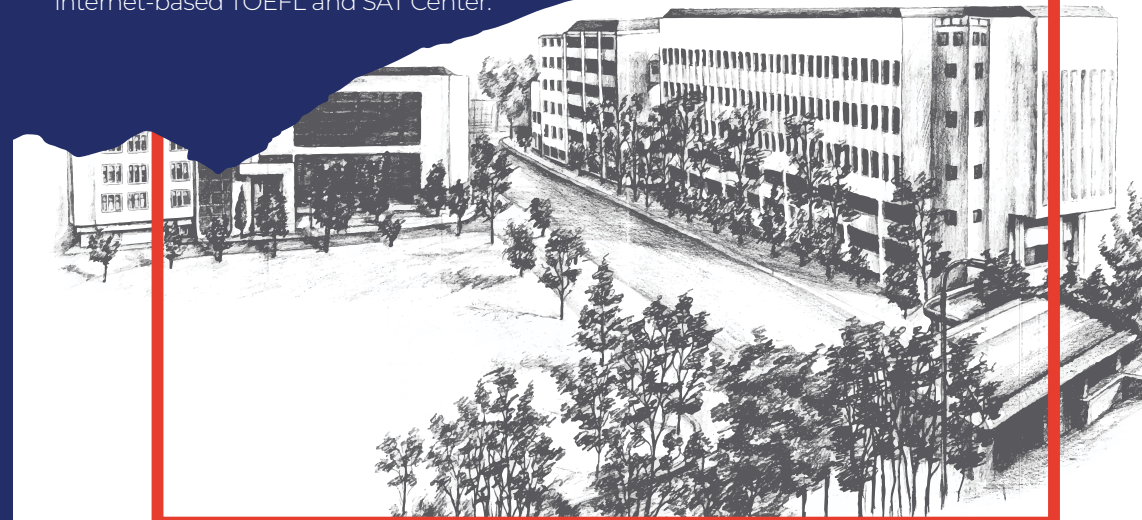
Founded in 1970 by Dr. Rüstem EYÜBOĞLU, Eyüboğlu Educational Institutions (EEI) are a group of private schools offering a co-educational programme for students aged 3-18.

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 is 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
11th
2026

SATURDAY
12th
2026

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
13th
2026

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
14th
2026

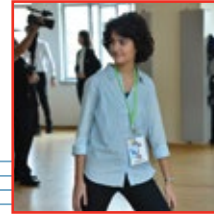
Full-day cultural itinerary. All conference participants are invited to take part in a guided tour of Istanbul's most significant sights.

WE WELCOME THE CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS

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.dreamstime.com/statue-heroic-soldier-liberator-soviet-war-memorial-berlin-germany-statue-heroic-soldier-liberator-soviet-war-image270120946>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Should terms such as “atrocities” or “hero” be used when writing about history, or should value judgments be avoided?



<https://www.analyticsteps.com/blogs/what-deepfake-technology-and-how-it-may-be-harmful>

2

What recent technological advances have further debased the notion that “the camera cannot lie”?

3

If the artist has freedom to interpret past events in ways that are denied to the historian, is this an asset or an obstacle to our understanding of the past?



Jacques-Louis David: Napoleon Crossing the Alps David, J.-L. (1801). Napoleon Crossing the Alps [Painting]. Château de Malmaison, Rueil-Malmaison, France.

4

Can knowledge be divorced from the values embedded in the process of creating it?



Scientist and pharmacist conducting chemical research and animal... iStock. (n.d.). <https://www.istockphoto.com/tr/foto%C4%9Fraf/scientist-and-pharmacist-conducting-chemical-research-and-animal-testing-in-a-gm1555329603-526744758>



Wikimedia Foundation. (2026, May 17). Triumph of the will. Wikipedia.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triumph_of_the_Will

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Can we dismiss the work of an artist or author just because we detest their politics?



Magnific (formerly Freepik) | the AI creative platform. (n.d.-a). <https://www.magnific.com/>

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What is the role of faith in the scientific enterprise? Is any of it blind faith?

To what extent do the classification systems we use in the pursuit of knowledge affect the conclusions that we reach?

Harrison, A. (2020, September 4). Huge periodic table wall poster. My Math Resources. <https://mymathresources.com/huge-periodic-table-wall-poster/>

Is mathematical knowledge embedded in particular cultures or traditions?



Independent Digital News and Media. (2017, August 25). A 3,700 year old babylonian tablet rewrites the history of Maths. The Independent. <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/babylonians-trigonometry-develop-more-advanced-modern-mathematics-3700-years-ago-ancient-civilisation-a7910936.html>



The myth of Jackson Pollock, Peggy Guggenheim, and the masterpiece created in one night | artsy. (n.d.-b).
<https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-editorial-story-pollock-guggenheim-masterpiece-created-one-night>

9

To what extent does it make sense to talk about Truth in the arts?



Labels and Power. Labels and Power: How words shape social perception. (n.d.).
<https://methodsandmusings.com/labels-and-power-how-words-shape-the-way-we-see-ourselves-and-others/>

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To what extent can knowing the name of something be a negative thing?

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 €
Double Room + Breakfast: 170 €
Triple Room + Breakfast: 200 €
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: 125 €
Double Room + Breakfast: 145 €
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 registration fee is 200 Euros (€). per participant. Teachers attending with eight students do not need to pay a registration fee for themselves. Don't miss this opportunity to join the ToK Conference!

This includes:

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

Account Name: Rüstem Eyüboğlu Eğitim Kurumları A.S.

Bank: Türkiye İş Bankası A.S.

Branch: Altunizade Ticari

Branch Code: 1390

IBAN: TR960006400000213900036924

SWIFT Code: ISBKTRIS

Registration

To be completed on the web site
www.eyuboglu.k12.tr/tok until December 11th 2026.
Registration can not be accepted without payment.

TOK YOUTH AND CULTURE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS SINCE 2002



- **Abu Dhabi 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
- **British International School of the University of Lodz, Poland**
- Birkerød Gymnasium, Denmark
- **BJK Kabatas Foundation Schools**
- Bodrum Marmara Private College, Turkey
- **Cognita school**
- Costeas-Geitonas School, Greece
- **Da Vinci's International Schools**
- Dhahran Ahliyya Schools, Saudi Arabia
- **Deledda International School, Italy**
- Doukas School SA, Greece
- **Egyptian International School**
- El Rancho High
- 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**
- IDRAK LYCEUM
- **İ.D.V. Özel Bilkent Lisesi**
- İTÜ GVO Ekrem Elginkan High School, Turkey
- **Jelgava Spidola State Gymnasium, Latvia**
- 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**
- Nörre 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 Hüdavendigâr 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 CC