



GALESS TiltShift Challenge 2025

Information Pack 3 "Domain: Empty Pocket" Vienna, April 22-25, 2025

The GALESS TiltShift Challenge (GTC) addresses an effort to contribute to awareness about complex questions in different research-domains. In 2025 the research domain is connected to "Empty Pocket". The GTC "Empty Pocket" is looking for sustainable and responsible answers from our young generation coming in from each part of the world in this particular domain. The TiltShift Challenge Empty Pocket consists of 2 conference editions in 2025 with locations in Vienna-Austria and Singapore.

The TiltShift Challenge includes a standard period for research efforts and the production of a final report followed up by physical presentations and virtual presentations. The conference will start April 22, 2025 and end on April 25, 2026. Report Presentation location : Vienna. The research activities are meant to be set in a school environment, in a school team of 3-4 students and a guiding teacher. Reference contacts from your school, local community, and region may have served as "living libraries" to support the research report as indicated in Information Pack 1 / 2.

GALESS TiltShift Challenge Vienna is organized by Wiener Gymnasium / Sir Karl Popper Schule Vienna and guided by Mrs. Eva Knechtelsdorfer, the local representative of the school. She's also the contact for questions regarding the conference week. [Eva Knechtelsdorfer](mailto:eva.knechtelsdorfer@bildung.gv.at) <eva.knechtelsdorfer@bildung.gv.at>

Information Pack 3 consists of :

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Discover

VIENNA



App Store

Wien Mobil

The app that helps you navigate the public transport system.

Google Play



Austrian Cuisine

Wieden Bräu
<https://wieden-braeu.at/>

Figlmüller
<https://www.figlmueeller.at/>

Wiener Wiaz Haus
<https://www.wiener-wiazhaus.com/>

Schlicht Vegan 
<https://www.schlichtvegan.at/>

Velani 
<https://www.velani.at/>

 **Fastfood**
Swing Kitchen

UNO City Vienna

Vienna is one of 4 cities with a UN office!



Wiedner Gymnasium



Erste Campus

Did you know...?
Schönbrunn Zoo is the world's oldest zoo still in operation, as it was established in 1752.



Schönbrunn Zoo

GALESS
Vienna
Conference

Empty Pocket
22.-25.4.
2025



Panel Members



SIR KARL POPPER SCHULE
WIEDNER GYMNASIUM

Alexandra Schreiner

Subjects: English and Biology
Interests: languages, natural science, psychology



Birgit Kos

Subjects: German and Geography
Interests: language, diversity and aesthetics



Eva Knechtelsdorfer

Subjects: English and Italian
Interests: science, languages and diversity



Elenore Steigberger

Subjects: Russian and English
Interests: multilingualism and diversity



Judith Luttenberger

Subjects: English and Geography
Interests: business and languages



Participating Schools

CEFET,
Brazil

Detroit Country Day
School, USA

Mahidol
Wittayanusorn
School,
Thailand

The
Amazima
School,
Uganda

Anglican High
School, Singapore

Wiedner
Gymnasium,
Austria

What is GALESS?

The Global Alliance of Leading Edge Schools for Sustainability (GALESS) is organized as a network of leading schools worldwide, collaborating to promote sustainability. It operates through regional conferences and projects, with member schools contributing to research and innovation. Member schools are located all over the world, e.g. in Spain, Germany, Poland, Austria, USA, South Africa, Brazil, Thailand, Singapore and Australia.

GALESS focuses on preparing youth to address global challenges through innovation and scientific research. Their goals include promoting sustainability, combating poverty, and enhancing community health by fostering cross-cultural collaboration and developing solutions for environmental and social issues.



SIR KARL POPPER SCHULE
WIEDNER GYMNASIUM

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Programme*

Locations Erste Bank | Wiednergymnasium
 UNO City | Schönbrunn Zoo | IASA Laxenburg

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Tuesday

Wednesday

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Open House
 only in person

Welcome - Icebreaker

Keynote:
 Julia Hofman

Lunch

Vienna

Thailand

Coffee Break

Singapore

Welcome - Icebreaker

Workshop:
 Verena Plutzer

Lunch

Departure UNO

UNO

Guided Tour
 Vienna

Schönbrunn
 Zoo at Night

Welcome - Icebreaker

Keynote:
 Martin Schenk

Lunch

Brazil

Uganda

Coffee Break

Vienna

USA

Latest Departure IASA

IASA
 Laxenburg

Lunch

Closing
 Ceremony

Farewell
 Pizza Party

*might change slightly

2. Participating Students- Schools

Participation List Vienna 2025	GALESS Standard Listing		Country	1-4-2025
Akello Angelina	F	Amazima School Uganda	UG	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Esther Nkizi	F	Amazima School Uganda	UG	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Kyomya Kennedy	M	Amazima School Uganda	UG	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Mpaata Paul	M	Amazima School Uganda	UG	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Goh Jin Yan	F	Anglican High School Singapore	SG	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025
Ong Chloe	F	Anglican High School Singapore	SG	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025
Sherilyn Chan Xuan Xuan	F	Anglican High School Singapore	SG	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025
Tan En-Qi	F	Anglican High School Singapore	SG	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025
Bruno Tavares	M	CEFET Brazil	BR	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Douglas Da Silva	M	CEFET Brazil	BR	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Heime Pereira	M	CEFET Brazil	BR	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
J. Gabriel Nascimento	M	CEFET Brazil	BR	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Lara Hammoud	F	Detroit Country Day School	USA	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Maya Hammoud	F	Detroit Country Day School	USA	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 (v)
Akarapark Kongsiriwong	M	Mahidol Wittayanusorn School Thailand	TH	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025
Narongwas Vacharata	M	Mahidol Wittayanusorn School Thailand	TH	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025
Pinyapach Seamthaisong	F	Mahidol Wittayanusorn School Thailand	TH	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025
Alessandra Bucur	F	Wiedner Gymnasium	AT	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 team 2
Mina Bracher	F	Wiedner Gymnasium	AT	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 team 2
Sophia Ilieva-Stricker	F	Wiedner Gymnasium	AT	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 team 1
Tabea Mann	F	Wiedner Gymnasium	AT	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 team 1
Viktoria Zika	F	Wiedner Gymnasium	AT	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 team 2
Violetta Sebestyen	F	Wiedner Gymnasium	AT	Vienna Empty Pocket 2025 team 1

3. Report Delivery & Deadlines

We ask each team to deliver their report as soon as possible now. To GALESS (info@galeess.org) as well as to the project-coordinator in Vienna. Reports will be published officially on the GALESS website one week before the conference. The reports will be read by the local jury-team-panel as well as by a representation of the GALESS Jury Board.

Official comments and perspectives based on the reports and the presentation of the reports will be added to the GALESS Certificates for each and every participating team. Reports will be presented according to the agenda in the information folder. GALESS Certificates will be published and sent to the teams one week after the conference.

The reports will be added to the GALESS Yearbook 2025 to be published in December 2025. Participating schools will be sent a link to this book at that time.

4. Links for virtual presentations:

Please notice that the presentation times are based on local times in Vienna.

The links will be sent at the latest in the week before the conference. (Uganda, Detroit & Brazil). The presentation day for virtual presentations will be Thursday April 24, 2025 according to the agenda – timing during the day of the conference

5. Advices regarding Travelling Vienna/Europe

Travel documents:

- **PASSPORT VALIDITY:** Six months validity recommended, at least 3 months validity beyond your planned date of departure from the Schengen area is required.
- **BLANK PASSPORT PAGES:** Two pages required for entry stamp.
- **TOURIST VISA REQUIRED:** Not required for stays under 90 days within each 180-day period.

Weather:

Weather patterns are shifting, but April and November tend to be the wettest months, while temperatures are lowest in January and climb highest in July. May and September usually offer the most pleasant conditions.

Insurances:

Get comprehensive travel-insurance before you leave and read the fine print.

Your policy needs to cover all overseas medical costs, including medical evacuation. The Australian Government won't pay for these costs.

Connectivity:

The standard voltage is 230 V at a frequency of 50 Hz. Yes, you need a power plug travel adapter for sockets in Austria.

Austria uses the **Type F plug**. Type F electrical plugs used in Austria are manufactured to the CEE 7/4 and CEE 7/7 standards and is commonly referred to as a Schuko plug. The line and neutral plug contacts for Austria Type F plugs are two round pins with a 4.8 millimeter diameter.



Payment Information:

Payment Info will be sent to you directly from the organization in Vienna separately for those teams visiting the conference physically.

Media:

If schools want to upload an introduction-movie of their team on the gales-website, let us know (info@gales.org) Photo's from the conference will be used for public publication and publication on the GALESS website and website of the organizing school. In case of any objection, please get in contact with the local projectleader.

6. Further information / Q &A

- Food – food allergies
Q: You are going to visit a foreign country. In this case Austria. How do I deal with any food-allergy ?
A: Just bring any food allergy to the attention of the food-provider. Food providers are very familiar with this problem and will act-advise accordingly.
- Q: What languages are required to communicate ?
A: European people are familiar with the English language. English language is the standard conversation language in GALESS projects

- WIFI connection

Q: Does the organizing school have a WIFI connection available for visiting students

A: Yes

- Sun protection

Q: Do we need sun-protection for our visit?

A: Advisable yes !

- Lunches/dinners

Q: Are lunches – dinners included in the conference fee ?

A: Lunches & dinners are included based on information in the agenda.

- Money:

Q Can I pay with my credit-card or bank-card in Austria ?

A: Normal credit-cards (MASTERCARD/VISA) are accepted in Austria. For bank-cards please ask your bank before you leave. Advise: take some cash (EURO!) for small purchases

- Hospital Information:

Please consult the local project-leader about this issue at arrival for any possible emergencies.