



## **GALESS TiltShift Challenge 2026 Information Pack 3 “Domain: Colors Included-Minorities” Rybnik, June 29 – July 3, 2026**

### **June 2026**

The GALESS TiltShift Challenge (GTC) addresses an effort to contribute to awareness about complex questions in different research-domains. In 2026 the research domain is connected to “Minorities”. The GTC “Minorities” is looking for sustainable and responsible answers from our young generation coming in from different parts of the world in this particular domain. The TiltShift Challenge “ Minorities” consists of 2 conference editions in 2026 with locations in Rybnik-Poland and Melbourne Australia.

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 June 29, 2026 and end on July 3 2026. Report Presentation location : Rybnik-Poland. 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 Rybnik-Poland is organized by: V Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Mikołaja Kopernika, <https://www.ivlorybnik.pl/> , located in Rybnik, Poland, and guided by Mrs. Katarzyna Romaniuk-Demonchaux, the local representative of the school. She’s also the contact for questions regarding the conference week. -- [galess@ivlorybnik.pl](mailto:galess@ivlorybnik.pl)

#### **Information Pack 3 consists of :**

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## 0. Agenda Conference

### **GALESS 2026 – Conference Programme**

27 June – 4 July 2026 | IV Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Mikołaja Kopernika w Rybniku

#### **Saturday, 27 June 2026**

Arrival Day

- Individual arrivals of participants and delegations
- Transfers to host families / hotels
- Free evening

#### **Sunday, 28 June 2026**

Arrival Day

- Continued arrivals of participants and guests
- Accommodation with host families / hotels
- Informal integration and free time

#### **Monday, 29 June 2026 – Opening Day & Advisory Council Meeting**

8:30 – Arrival of participants

9:00 -11.00 – Official Opening Ceremony and Inaugural Lecture

11:00–11:30 – Group photos and short coffee break

11:30–12:15 – Ice-breaking activities for students/School visit and meeting for teachers

12:30–13:30 – Lunch at the Cultural Centre

13:30 –..... Students prepare and complete the city game (Actionbound) independently

14:00–18:30 – Advisory Council Meeting Galess/free time for teachers

19:00 – Official Welcome Dinner

#### **Tuesday, 30 June 2026 – Cultural Excursion to Kraków**

7:30 – Gathering and departure to Kraków

Guided tour including:

- Royal Route, Wawel Hill and Royal Castle, Wawel Dragon, Wawel Cathedral, Kanonicza Street, Grodzka Street, Collegium Maius, Main Market Square, Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Basilica, Barbican and Florian Gate, Kazimierz district, Lunch during the excursion, Return to Rybnik in the evening

#### **Wednesday, 1 July 2026 – Conference Day & Study Visit**

8:15 – Opening and organisational announcements

8:30–10:30 – Student presentations and conference sessions

11:00 – Departure to Katowice / Nikiszowiec

12:00 – Welcome by the Dean

12:30 - 14.00 – Workshops

Lunch

Guided walk around Nikiszowiec

### **Thursday, 2 July 2026 – Educational Excursion**

7:15 – Gathering and departure

9:00–12:30 – Visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum

14.30 - lunch in Rybnik

Workshop in Centrum Edukacji Regionalnej w Rybniku

### **Friday, 3 July 2026 – Closing Day**

Morning – Free time in Rybnik / time with host families

15:00 – Official Closing Ceremony at Łuków Dworek

### **Saturday, 4 July 2026**

Departure Day

- Transfers to airports
- Departures of delegations and guests

## 1. Participating Students- Schools

### Participation List Rybnik

Agata Jekielek	F		Kopernik	PL	Research Report Minorities Team 1
Agata Mularczyk	F		Kopernik	PL	Research Report Minorities Team 1
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Hanna Paszenda	F		Kopernik	PL	Research Report Minorities Team 1
Michalina Mura	F		Kopernik	PL	Research Report Minorities Team 2
Milena Ryszka	F		Kopernik	PL	Research Report Minorities Team 2
Zuzanna Grzyb	F		Kopernik	PL	Research Report Minorities Team 2
Chihiro Nishida	F		Shibuya High School	JP	Research Report Minorities
Fumika Matsui	F		Shibuya High School	JP	Research Report Minorities
Ruri Nakayama	F		Shibuya High School	JP	Research Report Minorities
Satsuki Niwa	F		Shibuya High School	JP	Research Report Minorities
Shiho Inoue	F		Shibuya High School	JP	Research Report Minorities
JINYUAN ZHAO	F		Suzhou High School	CN	Research Report Minorities
SHENGYAN XIAO	F		Suzhou High School	CN	Research Report Minorities
ZHENGXI HE	M		Suzhou High School	CN	Research Report Minorities
ZHIXIAO DAI	F		Suzhou High School	CN	Research Report Minorities

## 2. Report Delivery & Deadlines

We ask each team to deliver their report as soon as possible now. To GALESS ([info@galess.org](mailto:info@galess.org)) as well as to the project-coordinator in Rybnik. 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 by the student team according to the agenda. GALESS Certificates will be published on the GALESS website and awarded on the final day of the conference.

The reports will be added to the GALESS Yearbook 2026 to be published in December 2026. Participating schools will receive a link to this book at that time.

## 3. Links to Conference Jury-members.

Jury members in our GALESS TiltShift conferences are involved in the full assessment-process in two groups:

- The Local Jury, being present during the presentation day,
- The GALESS Jury Board acting as a partner for The Local Jury.

Both are involved in the assessment process, and both are involved in questions, comments etc. regarding the research reports that are presented during the conference.

Jury remarks will be added to the GALESS Certificates (Personal & Team-Certificates) at the end of every conference.

For more information about the Jury members see :

Local Jury-members Poland 2026 : [140 Jury Poland.pdf](#)

GALESS Jury Board Members: See the GALESS website [www.galless.org](http://www.galless.org) . Choose for the menu-choice “ Teams” and click “ Jury Board” on top of the page. Click on the photos for the Jury-profiles.

#### **4. Links for attending presentations virtually:**

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

The links will be sent at the latest in the week before the conference.. The presentation day for student presentations will be on Wednesday July 1, according to the agenda – timing during the day of the conference

#### **5. Advices regarding Travelling 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 for overseas travellers

##### **Airport transfers**

We will organize transportation from Kraków or Katowice Airport to our school in Rybnik. Upon arrival at the school, the students will meet their host families and travel home with them.

The same arrangement will apply on the departure day. Host families will bring the students to school, and transportation to the airport will be organized from there.

##### **Travel time**

The journey from Kraków Airport to our school usually takes approximately 1.5–2 hours, depending on traffic conditions.

##### **Currency exchange**

Students will be able to exchange money in Rybnik if necessary. However, we strongly recommend bringing euros or US dollars if cash exchange is needed. The most convenient option is to use a Visa, Mastercard, or Revolut card. Card payments are extremely common in Poland and are accepted almost everywhere, including shops, restaurants, cafés, museums, and most tourist attractions.

##### **Weekend with Host Families**

Saturday and Sunday before the conference are planned for getting to know the host family. Host families may organise moderate activities, taking possible jet lag into account. The weekend after the conference is also spent with host families until departure.

##### **Meals**

Host families provide breakfast and dinner during the whole stay. During the weekends before and after the conference, host families also provide lunch. During conference days, lunch is provided every day by the organisers.

##### **Medical Care & Insurance**

All groups are kindly asked to arrange travel and medical insurance for the stay in Poland. 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 Polish Government won't pay for these costs. Please bring any regular medication and share important medical information, allergies or dietary needs with your host family and organisers.

##### **Weather & Clothes**

July is summer in Poland, but the weather can change [weather Rybnik](#) . Please be prepared for temperatures around 20-30°C, cooler evenings and rain. Comfortable shoes, a rain jacket and a hat are strongly recommended, especially for Krakow.

### **Dress code**

For the Opening Ceremony, student presentations, and the Closing Gala, we suggest wearing school uniforms if your school has them. If not, a neat and formal outfit will be perfectly fine (for example, our students do not have uniforms).

For the other days, we would like everyone to feel comfortable, so casual clothing is absolutely fine. We only ask participants to dress appropriately for the places we will visit, especially churches and Auschwitz-Birkenau.

A small request: if you would like to and are able to, please bring a white outfit or at least one white item of clothing (for example a white dress, skirt, trousers, shirt, or blouse). On the final day of the conference, after the official part of the programme, many participants traditionally dress in white. We will explain the meaning of this tradition when you arrive. Participation is, of course, completely optional.

### **Internet Wi-Fi**

Internet is available at school. There is usually no problem with internet access in host family homes. Simply ask your host family for the Wi-Fi password.

### **Media Release**

A consent form for photo and video publication will be included as part of regular school and conference Documentation. Photos may be used for school and conference communication connected with GALESS 2026. Please find the attachment. All attendees must read, sign and return this Media Release by June 20, 2026. Students will be signed for by your parent/guardian.

### **Safety in Poland**

Poland is generally a safe country. However, we kindly ask international students to move around mainly together with Polish students or host families. This is especially important because of possible language barriers and to make sure that everyone feels comfortable and supported. If you need help, ask your host family, your guide teacher or the conference coordinator.

### **Connectivity:**

The standard voltage is 230 V at a frequency of 50 Hz. You need a power plug travel adapter (E or C) for sockets in Rybnik-Poland.



### **Media:**

If schools want to upload an introduction-movie of their team on the gales-website, let us know ([info@gales.org](mailto: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.

