

SEVEN DAY STUDY & CONTEMPLATION RETREAT

– THE MAD MAN'S MIDDLE WAY –

The program



This intensive seven-day program is a detailed study of a very interesting and controversial buddhist texts, **An Ornament to Nagarjuna's Intent**, that has been composed by one of the most original thinkers in Tibetan history: **Gendün Chöpel** (1903-1951). Gendün Chöpel was a philosopher, historian, artist, translator, traveller and a campaigner for the modernisation of Tibet. In this course, Do Tulku Rinpoche will go through this work translated as “The Madman's Middle Way: Reflections on Reality of the Tibetan Monk”, and will adorn it with verses of Aryadeva's 400 Stanzas and Maitreya's Mahayanasutralamkara. This will result in an insightful combination of understanding the vast view while being grounded in the relative truth without being a victim of conventional expectations.

The teachings & discussions will be held in English.

Our teachers



Do Tulku Rinpoche is the resident lama and spiritual guide of the Arya Tara Net's center near Cologne/Germany. He was recognized by H.H. Sakya Trichen at the age of 17 as the reincarnation of the 5th Raktrul Rinpoche. After his recognition, he received an eleven-year training in Buddhist philosophy, practice, and debate at the Dzongsar Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Institute in India, from which he graduated with the title of an Acharya (Lopön). Since then, he has been teaching there as well as in Tibetan schools and guided monks' retreats. Following the instructions of his teacher, he now teaches regularly in Asia and

Europe. He himself received teachings, transmissions, and initiations from some of the greatest masters of our time, including H.H. Dalai Lama, H.H. Sakya Trizin, Khenchen Kunga Wangchuk, Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche, Dagchen Rinpoche, Luding Khenchen Rinpoche, and many more. He is appreciated for his learned, interactive, and often unconventional, humorous way of communicating the Buddhadharma.

Arne Schelling will offer daily discussions groups, to deepen our understanding and to clarify doubts. Arne is dharma instructor, editor and translator, and in the teacher training programs of the Milinda project and the Nitārtha Institute.



Dates and place

The course will take place from the **15th January** (morning) **until the 21st January 2024** (lunch time) at the **Aryatarya Dharmacenter**, 80 km from Cologne: Auf dem Kuppen 8, 51570 Windeck, Germany. The event will also be available only in person. Suggested arrival: 14th January.

Fee

The fee for the teachings is **between 220 and 280 euros** (depending on your possibilities). If you wish to stay at the Aryatara Dharma center, the costs for accommodation and food for the 7 days will be between 280 and 400 euros, depending on the type of accommodation you prefer. If you have any financial problem, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Contact & Registration

If you would like to register or if you have any questions, please only contact arne@siddharthasintent.org.