

NINE DAY STUDY RETREAT – LOGIC & EPISTEMOLOGY

The program



This intensive nine-day program is a detailed study of one of the most famous classical buddhist topics: **Logic and Epistemology**, that have been propagated by the great Indian masters Dignaga and Dharmakirti. Do Tulku Rinpoche's teachings will be based on a wonderful (yet unpublished) text by the famous and great Abbot of Dzongsar, [Khenchen Kunga Wangchuk](#) (*see picture*), entitled “Opening The Gate of Intelligence: Types of Mind and Types of Reasons”. Through this 40 paged text, that will be shared with all participants, we will get a good understanding about how our mind works, and especially how to determine the validity of its cognitions. Furthermore various types of logical reasonings will be explained, which directly help us to discover the truth. No prior knowledge is required, only great enthusiasm

for intensive study, investigation and analysis of this brilliant text. Gyurme Avertin translated the text into english, and kindly allowed us to use it for this retreat. The teachings will be in English.

Our teacher



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. His incarnation line goes back to the 1st Raktrul Rinpoche (17th century), a master of the Do Teng Monastery in East Tibet. 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. Do Tulku Rinpoche works as a translator in the [84.000 project](#) and is a lay practitioner. He lives with his family in Germany where he teaches regularly. He is appreciated for his learned, interactive, and often unconventional, humorous way of communicating the Buddhadharma.

Dates and place

The course will take place from the **7th of January** (evening) **until the 16th of January 2022** (lunch time) at the **Aryatarya Dharmacenter**, 80 km from Cologne: Auf dem Kuppen 8, 51570 Windeck, Germany. The event will also be available via zoom, nevertheless since this retreat includes debate-training and other interactive elements, and in person attendance is recommended.

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 9 days will be between 300 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 and Safety

If you would like to register or if you have any questions, please contact [Arne Schelling](#). The retreat group will be rather small to make sure that we all can follow the rules & regulations that are required in regards to covid19.