

Biography:

Acharya Lama Kesang Wangdi was born in Bhutan in 1970. He went to school in Bhutan from the age of 6 until he left school to go to Monastic college at the age of seventeen. He studied for twelve years at the Karma Shri Nalanda Institute in Rumtek, Sikkim. This Institute is affiliated to the Sanskrit university of "Sampurmanand" in Varanasi in India. He obtained a Master's degree in Buddhist philosophy and the academic title of Acharya. Afterwards he taught at Karma Shri Nalanda Institute for 5 years. He received many teachings and pith instructions from H. E. Gyaltsab Rinpoche, Dzongchen Ponlop Rinpoche and H.E. Sangye Nyenpa Rinpoche, in Buddhist doctrine and the practice of buddhadharma (Sutras & Tantras).

In 2004 Acharya Kesang Wangdi went to the USA to train with H. E. Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche, developing teaching skills and methods that are appropriate for teaching western students.

Acharya Kesang came to Germany in April, 2004 and became a resident

Teacher in Kamalashila Buddhist Institute, Germany which is main European Dharma center of H.H 17th Gyalwang Karmapa.

He was appointed as Managing Director of the Kamalashila Institute in 2010 and he continues to serve in this role.

His main duties are teaching Buddhist Philosophies & meditation courses, guiding retreats and he is responsible for the administration of the Institute. In addition to this, Acharya Kesang also teaches at various other Buddhist centres in Germany, Denmark, Austria, and the Nirtatha Institute in USA and Poland.