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**His Holiness Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trichen Rinpoche**  
**His Holiness the 42<sup>nd</sup> Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trizin Rinpoche**  
**His Eminence Khöndung Asanga Vajra Rinpoche**

- **Historical perspective of the Sakya tradition**
  - **The Ngöndro transmissions**
- **The major power transmission of Vajrakilaya**

**His Holiness Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trichen Rinpoche** was, as the 41st Sakya Trizin, the holder of the Sakya throne of Tibetan Buddhism for over 50 years.

As a member of the noble Tibetan Khön family - founders of the Sakya order in the 11th and 12th centuries- he is the manifestation of the transcendent wisdom of all Buddhas. His Holiness Sakya Trichen is known throughout the world for the brilliance and clarity of his teachings. Receiving teachings directly from His Holiness confers a special line of blessings from the founders of the Sakya order, as well as from Manjushri himself.



**His Holiness the 42nd Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trizin Rinpoche**, eldest son of His Holiness the 41st Sakya Trichen Rinpoche, is considered to be one of the most qualified lineage masters in Tibetan Buddhism. Renowned for his erudition and the clarity of his teachings, Rinpoche belongs to the prestigious Sakya Khön family, whose successive generations have ensured an unbroken lineage of eminent masters.



**His Eminence Khöndung Asanga Vajra Rinpoche** is the son of H.E. Khöndung Ani Vajra Sakya Rinpoche –the second son of the Phuntsok Phodrang family– and Dagmo Chimey Lag. He is also the youngest grandson of His Holiness Jigdal Dagchen Dorjechang Rinpoche, and thus a direct descendant of the unbroken Khön lineage, dating back to 1073. His Eminence is also the grandson of H.E. Garje Khamtrul Rinpoche, a highly realised and accomplished Nyingmapa master, on his mother's side.

## Programme Topics

### 1. Historical perspective of the glorious Sakya tradition of Tibetan Buddhism:



The Sakya tradition is one of the four major religious traditions to have existed in Tibet. It emerged to play a significant role in the development and spread of the new tantras that arrived in Tibet in the 11th century. In the 13th and 14th centuries, the holders of the Sakya tradition also held the main political powers in Tibet through their rule. Although its political stature gradually declined over the centuries, the emphasis on its unique religious traditions continued to be nurtured and sustained. As a result, the Sakya tradition has strengthened and flourished, and has produced many prominent practitioners, saints and scholars.

The origins of the Sakya tradition are closely linked to the ancestral lineage of the Khön family, a family itself descended from celestial beings. Since Khön Konchok Gyalpo (1034-1102), the founder of the Sakya tradition, the lineage has continued uninterrupted to this day.

### 2. Transmissions from Ngöndro:



*“It is very important to choose the right path in this precious human life, and to establish the basis from which to practice the Holy Dharma. For this purpose, all the Foundation practices are very importance. Going for Refuge is the root of all the Dharma, the foundation of all the vows and that which differentiates between the Buddhist and non-Buddhist. Generating the enlightened mind is to enter the Higher path, which is not to seek to overcome sufferings for oneself alone, but for all sentient beings. Then to follow the path it is important to clear all negative karmas and obscurations. We also need to accumulate merits, the best way being through the mandala offering. The most important base of this path is the Spiritual Master. He enables us to receive the blessings of the Buddha, the source of all the common and uncommon siddhis.”* - His Holiness K. G. Sakya Trichen Rinpoche (extract).

### 3. Vajrakilaya:



Vajrakilaya personifies the enlightened activity of all Buddhas, which subdues illusion and negativity in order to dispel obstacles to spiritual practice. The essential purpose of Vajrakilaya practice is to discover the absolute vajra nature, which can transform every dualistic obstacle into clear wisdom and compassion.

The Sakya order has countless exoteric and esoteric teachings. Of these, the Vajrakilaya cycle of teachings goes back the furthest in time. Its lineage is unbroken from the time of Padmasambhava and Khön Nagendra Raksita, through to the present time. Throughout the centuries, the successive proponents of the unbroken lineage of

Vajrakilaya have all manifested very high realisations, through which they have performed great miracles, practically each of them. Many lamas and masters of various traditions highly praise the Vajrakilaya cycle.

### Programme Schedule:

3 August	5pm	Historical perspective of the glorious Sakya tradition of Tibetan Buddhism by H.E. Asanga Vajra Rinpoche
4 August	9.30am	Welcome Ceremony Refuge - Bodhisattva Vows - Mandala Offering by H.H. Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trichen Rinpoche
	2.30pm	Teachings and practice by H.H. the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trizin Rinpoche
5 August	9:30am	Guru Yoga Blessings by H.H. Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trichen Rinpoche

	2.30pm	Teachings and practice <i>by H.H. the 42nd Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trizin Rinpoche</i>
6 - 7 August		Vajrakilaya Power Transmission (2 days) <i>by H.H. the 42nd Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trizin Rinpoche</i>
8 August	9:30am	Vajrasattva initiation <i>by H.H. Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trichen Rinpoche</i>
	2.30pm	Teachings and practice <i>by H.H. the 42<sup>nd</sup> Kyabgön Gongma Sakya Trizin Rinpoche</i>

*N.B. This programme schedule is subject to change.*

## **Practical Information**

### **Venue:**

Community hall "La Source" Rue des Prés, 67520, KUTTOLSHEIM, France

*Unless invited, people are asked not to go to the Rond-point du Vignoble, the seat of the Sakya Tsechen Ling Institute and residence of Their Holinesses, His Eminence and the monks who accompany them. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **Registration:**

Pre-registration online can be made via our website <https://sakyatsechenling.eu/en/> from early May 2022.

The total amount to be paid, including additional options, will be communicated to you by return email.

The registration will only be validated after receipt of the payment.

In case of payment difficulties, please contact the Institute.

Please note: Registrations will be closed as soon as the capacity is reached. Furthermore, if new health measures related to Covid are imposed by the French government, the number of participants could be restricted. The first fully registered participants (with payment) will be retained, as evidenced by the time stamp.

### **Contribution:**

The financial contribution, which does not include accommodation or meals, covers the travel and living expenses of Their Holinesses, His Eminence and the monks accompanying them, and other expenses incurred by the seminar. This contribution is not requested from the monks and nuns. The teachings and initiations are free of charge for everyone.

The contribution to the seminar from 3 - 8 August 2022 is as follows:

#### **Whole event**

- Sponsors – 500€
- General participants – 300€
- Students (upon presentation of your student ID) – 190€

#### **Partial attendance (1-3 days)**

- General participants – 140€
- Students (upon presentation of your student ID) – 100€

**Additionally:**

If required, rental of headphones (for French, German, Italian or Spanish translation)	20€
For insurance reasons, <i>all</i> participants (including monks & nuns) at this event must be members of our association	15€ (If you are not yet a 2022 member)

**Translations:**

The teachings & initiations will be given in English, with simultaneous translations available via headphones in French, German, Italian and Spanish.

**Payment:**

Payment is possible using the following methods:

- Pay in person during a monthly session at the Institute
- Cheque sent by post (if you have a French bank account)
- Bank transfer - international bank charges are made at your expense. The transfer must be paid exclusively in Euros
- PayPal (including credit cards)

Bank Transfer details, account name etc.:

Coordonnées bancaires :

Titulaire du compte : SAKYA TSECHEN LING

IBAN (International Bank Account Number): FR76 1027 8014 5600 0665 4554 003

BIC (Bank Identification Code) : CMCIFR2A

CCM KRONTHAL, 75 rue du Général de Gaulle, 67520 MARLENHEIM, France

**Welcome and formalities:**

Formalities will be carried out at the teaching venue, the community hall "*La Source*", rue des Prés, 67520 Kuttolsheim.

This can be done either:

- Wednesday 3 August 2022 between 1pm - 4.30pm (13.00-16.30) or
- Thursday 4 August 2022 between 8am – 9am

N.B. Queues are expected. Please arrive in good time. If you are able to, please come on the Wednesday, as we will have more time.

**Meals:**

Vegetarian meals will be served at the venue for those who wish to have lunch (10€) and dinner (8€). Your help (preparation, washing up, etc.) is useful and appreciated. Meals must be booked and paid for in advance but cannot not be refunded in case of cancellation.

Lunch is offered 4 - 8 August 2022 inclusive, and dinner from 3 - 8 August inclusive.

**Volunteer help:**

The organisation of such an event depends to a large extent on the involvement of a group of passionate volunteers. We are very grateful for your help in setting up the teaching area, tidying up at the end of each day, and in cleaning up at the end of the seminar.

**Childcare:**

You are responsible for the care of your children, as the Institute cannot provide this service. We thank you for your understanding.

## Arriving at the venue

### Cars:

Please park in the "La Source" car park. If there is no space, you can use the nearby church car park (except on Sundays) or the Institute car park (5 min. walk via the new Rue de l'Abbaye).

### Public transport:

- **Bus** (CTBR): Line 205 Strasbourg – Willgottheim. Bus stop: Kuttolsheim-Centre (2.50€). Approx. 10 mins walk from the bus stop to the venue.  
Bus info: [www.ctbr67.fr](http://www.ctbr67.fr)  
Timetable: <https://www.ctbr67.fr/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FP-205.pdf>  
Further Information - email: [ctbr@ctbr67.fr](mailto:ctbr@ctbr67.fr) Tel. +33 (0) 3 88 234 323
- **Taxi** Kuttolsheim: Tel +33 (0) 6 83 24 83 26
- Taxi13 Strasbourg: Tel +33 (0) 3 88 36 13 13

## Accommodation

Accommodation is not available at the Institute. Here are some suggestions to help you find somewhere to stay:

### Local tourist offices:

The tourist offices of Marlenheim, Wasselonne and Wangenbourg share a website - <http://www.mossig-vignoble-tourisme.fr/>

- Marlenheim: 1 Place de la Liberté, 67520 Marlenheim. Tel: +33 (0) 3 88 87 75 80.
- Wasselonne: 13 Place du Marché, 67310 Wasselonne. Tel: +33 (0) 3 88 62 31 01.
- Strasbourg: 17 Place de la Cathédrale, 67082 STRASBOURG CEDEX.  
Tel +33 (0) 3 88 52 28 28. Website: <https://www.visitstrasbourg.fr/>

### Local Hotels / B&B's:

- **La Tourelle de Mithra** 9, rue de l'Église 67370 ITTLENHEIM Tél. Fax +33 (0) 3 88 69 92 40  
<http://la-tourelle-de-mithra-bed-breakfast.alsacehotelsweb.com/fr/>
- **La Ferme de Marie-Hélène** 11 rue de l'Église 67370 ITTLENHEIM +33 (0) 3 88 04 29 29  
[www.fermehelene.com](http://www.fermehelene.com)
- **Le Foyer de ND de Reinacker** 67440 REUTENBOURG +33 (0) 3 88 71 42 44  
<http://www.notredamedereinacker.com/>
- **Au SAUMON** 69, rue du G<sup>al</sup> de Gaulle, 67310 WASSELONNE +33 (0) 3 88 87 01 83
- **Hostellerie de l'ETOILE** 1, Place du G<sup>al</sup> Leclerc, 67310 WASSELONNE +33 (0) 3 88 87 03 02  
[www.hostellerie-etoile.com](http://www.hostellerie-etoile.com)
- **Hostellerie REEB** 2, rue Albert Schweitzer, 67520 MARLENHEIM +33 (0) 3 88 87 52 70  
[www.hostellerie-reeb.fr](http://www.hostellerie-reeb.fr)
- **Relais ROUTE DU VIN** 1, place du Kaufhaus, 67520 MARLENHEIM +33 (0) 3 88 87 50 05
- **Hôtel LE CERF** 30, rue du G<sup>al</sup> de Gaulle, 67520 MARLENHEIM +33 (0) 3 88 87 73  
[www.lecerf.com](http://www.lecerf.com)

**Gîtes** (self catering cottages): [www.gites-de-france.com](http://www.gites-de-france.com)



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