

**Dieter Kratzer** was born 1941 in Germany, met the Dharma 1973 in Dharmasala, India through Geshe Ngawang Dargey, arrived 1973 for his first meditation course given by Lama Zopa Rinpoche in Kopan Monastery. In 1975 Dieter received Getsul ordination, one year later he became a Gelong. He led the 1976 November course at Kopan Monastery, went to England in 1977 to be SPC at Manjushri Institute, moved in 1980 to be SPC at Vajra Yogini Institut in France, and then one year later started Aryatara Institut in Germany. In 1986 he went to Singapore to start Amitabha Buddhist Centre.

He returned his robes in 1987 and continued to teach at various places in Asia, Australia and Europe, did several long retreats in India/Nepal and Spain and arrived 1993 back in Germany where he started Tara Mandala in 1996. Since this time he has been teaching extensively at Tara Mandala Centre and in various places in Germany and Spain.