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Personal information

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Scherer studied Religious Studies, Classics, Indo-European Studies, Indology, and Tibetology among other subjects in Bonn and Münster (Germany) and defended a PhD in 2002 on ancient myth and poetry at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands).

Additionally, Bee has specialised in areas of Critical Theory -Gender, Sexuality and Dis/ability and is engaged in intersectional Social Justice activism connected to the interdisciplinary Institute INCISE (<http://incise.center>) that Scherer founded in 2016; as the founder and facilitator of the conference network *Queering Paradigms*, Scherer edited a dozen books for the homonymous series (Oxford, Peter Lang).

Trained in the classical Buddhist languages and thought systems, Bee has published on a wide range of topics in Buddhist Studies including Early Buddhist literature; Mahāyāna Philosophy; Contemporary Thai Buddhism; Transnational Sinitic and Tibetan Buddhism and Engaged Buddhist Thought.

As non-binary trans Buddhist teacher in the Tibetan tradition, Bee has been active as a dharma teacher for two decades, leading retreats and giving lectures around the world.

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