



# Press Release

## Nobel laureate Wole Soyinka speaks in Tübingen

### Nigerian writer discusses the political troubles of his homeland

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Nigerian writer Wole Soyinka speaks about the political situation in his home country – including issues such as the terrorist group Boko Haram – at the University of Tübingen on **Monday, 15 December 2014 at 8:15 pm (lecture theater 21, Kupferbau).**

Soyinka, the 1986 Nobel Prize for Literature laureate, is expected to speak about the history and motivation of Boko Haram, as well as other extremist Islamist movements such as the “Islamic State,” which have launched attacks not only against Western values but against all cultures which seek reconciliation, mediation, dialogue and education. “On this evening with Wole Soyinka, we aim to document a wealth of issues arising from this and discuss them with a public audience,” says organizer Professor Jürgen Wertheimer of the Deutsches Seminar.

Wole Soyinka was born into a Yoruba family in western Nigeria in 1934. In the late 1950s he began publishing poetry, novels and plays. He received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986 for his collected work. He has spoken out on political issues since the late 60s and has been subjected to imprisonment and exile for his criticism of Nigerian governments. Today he divides his time between Nigeria and the USA.

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