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Prof. Dr. theol. h.c. mult.

**Mercy  
Amba  
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(Ghana)

# «A Profile of Contemporary Christianity in Africa»

Donnerstag, 26. November 2015, 18.15 Uhr  
Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 18:15 h

Kollegienhaus / Petersplatz 1, Room 120



Nach dem Vortrag findet in der  
Theologischen Fakultät  
(Nadelberg 10) ein Apéro statt.

The lecture will be followed by an  
Apéro at the Faculty of Theology  
(Nadelberg 10) just a few minutes  
walk from the main lecture hall.

Oduyoye gilt als Leitfigur kontextueller Theologie, die sie aus afrikanisch-feministischer Perspektive bereicherte. Sprichwörtlich ist ihre Charakterisierung einer „irruption into the irruption“ geworden, d.h. der feministisch-theologische Einbruch in den Horizont kontextueller Theologien. Mit Ihrer Initiative zur Gründung des Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians (1989) bündelte sie erstmals das kritische Wirken afrikanischer Theologinnen, forcierte ihren theologischen Austausch, und rückte deren Diskurse ins internationale Rampenlicht.

Oduyoye has profiled the field of contextual theology from a gender perspective. As a pioneer in African feminist theology she characterized it as an „irruption into the irruption“ within contextual theologizing. As the founder of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians (1989), she facilitated networking and international exchange amongst critical African theologians. By this African feminist discourses featured on the global academic scene.

### Forschung: Research:

The Function of African Beliefs and Practices in the Development of Christian Theology in Africa.

Trends in Christian Theology in Africa.

Feminist Perspectives on Christianity and culture in Africa.

Women and Ritual in Africa.

A Religio –cultural study of women in three West African communities.

Power and Accountability in missionary Policy: the case of the Methodist church in Nigeria 1840 –1960.

Missiological Issues relating to Women Religion and Culture in Africa.

Gender, Religion and good governance in Ghana.

### Funktionen:

Professional Experience:

World Council of Churches/World Council of Christian Education, Geneva, Youth Education Secretary, 1967-70.

All Africa Conference of Churches, (Ibadan Office) Youth Secretary, 1970-73.

Deputy General Secretary, World Council of Churches, Geneva 1987-94.

### Veröffentlichungen:

Hearing and Knowing: Theological Reflections on Christianity in Africa, Orbis Books, New York 1996 (translated into German).

Daughters of Anowa: Women and Patriarchy. Orbis Book Maryknoll 1995.

Introducing African Women's Theology: Sheffield Academic Press 2001.

Beads and Strands: Reflections of an African Woman on Christianity in Africa 2004.

Gastprofessorin an afrikanischen, europäischen und nordamerikanischen Universitäten (u.a. Harvard, Union Theological Seminary).

Visiting professor in African, European, Northern American universities (i.a. Harvard, Union Theological Seminary).