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UCT to host public panel discussion with Man Booker International judges

The University of Cape Town invites members of the public to meet the judging panel of the Man Booker International Prize 2015, at panel discussion on March 26 at 18h00 (doors open at 17h00) in Jameson Hall, Upper Campus, University of Cape Town. RSVP: Electronic booking is required for this event at <http://www.uct.ac.za/events>. Earlier in the week the judges will announce the shortlist for the 2015 Man Booker International Prize – the first time such an event will take place in Africa.

UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price says: "UCT, with our strong literary tradition upheld by Emeritus Professor JM Coetzee, himself a two-time Booker Prize winner and Nobel Laureate, and the late Emeritus Professor André Brink, as well as a host of celebrated authors and academics, is proud to be the first African host for the Man Booker International Prize. These distinguished judges will discuss world literature from the perspective of the South and the role of the Man Booker International Prize in shaping the global literary field."

The Man Booker International Prize is awarded every alternate year to a living author of any nationality for his or her contribution to fiction on the world stage, in a body of work published in English or available in English translation. The winner is chosen by a judging panel, who will announce their finalists on 24 March 2015. Chaired by writer and academic Dame Marina Warner, the 2015 judging panel consists of novelist Nadeem Aslam; novelist, critic and professor of English at Oxford University Elleke Boehmer; editorial director of the *New York Review Classics* series Edwin Frank; and professor of Arabic and comparative literature at The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, Wen-chin Ouyang.

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