



## Sebastien Fath (France, CNRS)

### Curriculum Vitae

### Sebastien Fath French historian Social scientist

#### RELIGION & SECULARISM EVANGELICALISM POSTCOLONIAL CHRISTIANITY

Researcher at the National Center  
for the Scientific Research (CNRS)

Research team :  
GSRL (Paris, France)  
Groupe Sociétés Religions Laïcités

Ph.D History  
Sorbonne University  
(EPHE, 1998)

### Profile

Born in 1968, Sebastien Fath is a French specialist in the study of Evangelicalism. Author or co-author of seventeen books, he is research fellow at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS). He is currently member of the GSRL (EPHE-PSL / CNRS) a French research team working on religion and laicity (secularism). He has been Director of the GSRL in 2019 and 2020, and supervised the GSRL's strategic move to Campus Condorcet.

As a social scientist and a citizen, cross-cultural reflexion on Civil Society, Politics and Religion is his focus. Most of his Academic work is related to Evangelical networks and postcolonial churches (Africa, Europe, USA).

### Research fields

- History and Sociology of Protestantism (19th, 20th and 21st Century)
- Geopolitics and Evangelicalism  
(Africa, French-speaking protestants, postcolonial churches, South Sudan)
- Megachurches, Evangelical networks (NGOs), Civil Society and 'laicity' (secularism)
- Immigration and religion, interculturality, religious changes in contemporary cities (Paris)

### Experience

**2019-2020 Director of the GSRL** (EPHE-PSL / CNRS), the largest European research group on contemporary religion and secularism (Paris-Campus Condorcet)

**2010-2018** In charge (along with Martine Cohen) of a GSRL research program on religious and secular mutations in the Parisian area

**2012-19** Six field studies in Africa (two in Juba South Sudan, Kinshasa DRC, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Madagascar)

**2006-2009** In charge of a GSRL research program on « Religion and religious minorities in ultramodernity »

**2002-2005** In charge of a GSRL research program on "Evangelicalism and Pentecostalism"

**2004-2005** Honorary Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (Edinburgh University), SCOTLAND. Teaches Honour Courses in Professor James McMillan's seminar (School of History and Classics)

**1999** Enters the CNRS as full time researcher (admission rank : 4th, 38th section), statutory member of the GSRL research team

**1998** Doctoral Thesis (Ph.D) in « History of religions and belief-systems » (EPHE, Sorbonne), directed by Prof. Jean-Paul Willaime. Title 'Resident Aliens ? Sociology and History of Baptist implantation, 1810-1950. Another Way of Being a Christian in France '

### Main awards

CNRS Bronze Medal (National prize, 2004)

Chateaubriand History Prize (Best History book of the year, 2004)



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### Publications in English

**2015.** "New Christianities in Africa, vol. edited with Cédric Mayrargue, introduction and one article authored in the volume, *Afrique Contemporaine* (english version), vol 252, issue 4, 2014 (published in 2015, dated in 2014)

**2014.** "Franklin Graham's Crusade in South Sudan, the Effects and Limits of Evangelism in South Sudan", in *Afrique Contemporaine* (english version), vol 252, issue 4

(forthcoming), "French PCC megachurches : Reshaping the sacred space in secular and catholic France" (paper presented as a keynote speaker in Padova, international conference en Pentecostalism, 8th of June 2012)

**2011.** "The other American Dream: French Baptists and Canada in the 19th and 20th Century", in Jason Zuidema (ed.), *French-Speaking Protestants in Canada, Historical Essays*, Toronto, Brill, 2011 : 243-263

**2008.** « Empire's future religion : the hidden competition between postmillennial American expansionism and premillennial Evangelical Christianity », in Peter Hetzel et Ellis Benson (ed), *Evangelicalism and Empire*, Brazos Press : 120 -129

**2007.** "American Civil Religion and George W. Bush Jr", in Mark Noll and Luke Harlow (ed), *Religion and American Politics From the Colonial Period to the Present*, Oxford University Press, Second edition, Oxford, New York, Oxford University Press : 393-400

**2007.** "Putting God into the City : Protestants in France", in Alec G. Hargreaves (ed), *Politics and Religion in France and the United States*, Lanham, Lexington Books : 49-62

**2006.** "The Impact of Charismatic Christianity on Traditional Baptist Identity", in Ian M. Randall, Toivo Pilli and A. Cross, *Baptist Identities, International Studies from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Centuries*, London, Paternoster: 77-91

**2005.** "Evangelical Protestantism in France : an example of Denominational Recomposition?", *Sociology of Religion* , 2005, vol.66/4 : 399-418

### Book selection published in French

**2016.** *Gospel et francophonie, une alliance sans frontière*, Tharaux, ed. Empreinte

**2012.** *Les fils de la Réforme. Idées reçues sur les protestants*, Paris, Cavalier Bleu

**2011.** (ed. with JP. Willaime), *La nouvelle France protestante. Essor et recomposition au XXIe siècle*, Geneva, Labor & Fides (22 contributors)

**2010.** (ed. with L.Endelstein & S.Mathieu) *Dieu change en ville. Religion, espace, immigration*, Paris, L'Harmattan

**2008.** *Dieu XXL. La Révolution des megachurches*, Paris, Autrement

**2005.** *Du ghetto au réseau. Le protestantisme évangélique en France (1800-2005)*, Geneva, Labor et Fides

**2004.** *Dieu bénisse l'Amérique. La religion de la Maison Blanche*, Paris, Seuil (translated also in Polish and in Italian)

**2004.** *Militants de la Bible. Évangéliques et fondamentalistes du Sud*, Paris, Autrement (translated also in Italian)

**2004.** *Le protestantisme évangélique, un christianisme de conversion* (ed.), Turnhout, Brépols

### Web

GSRL's website : <http://www.gsrl.cnrs.fr/>

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