Sebastien Fath (France, CNRS)
Curriculum Vitae

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 GRSR (EPHE-PSL / CNRS) a French research team working on religion and laicity (secularism). He has been Director of the GRSR in 2019 and 2020, and supervised the GRSR’s strategic move to Campus Condorcet.

As a social scientist and a citizen, cross-cultural reflection 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 “laicité” (secularism)
  - Immigration and religion, interculturalism, religious changes in contemporary cities (Paris)

Experience
2019-2020 Director of the GRSR (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 GRSR 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 GRSR research program on Religion and religious minorities in ultramodernity
2002-2005 In charge of a GRSR 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 McNeill’s seminar (School of History and Classics)
1999 Enters the CNRS as full time researcher (admission rank : 4th, 38th position), statutory member of the GRSR research team
1998 Doctoral Thesis (PhD) 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)

Publications in English
2008. « Empire’s future religion : the hidden competition between postmillennial American expansionism and premillennial Evangelical Christianity », in Peter Hertz and Ellis Benson (ed), Evangelicalism and Empire, Brauns Press : 120-121

Book selection published in French
2016. Gospel et francophonie, une alliance sous frontière, Thauaux, ed. Empreinte
2012. Les fils de la Réforme. Idées reçues sur les protestants, Paris, Cavalier Bleu
2008. Dieu XXI. La Révolution des megachurches, Paris, Autrement
2004. Dieu bénisse l’Amérique. La religion de la Maison Blanche, Paris, Seuil (translated also in Polish and in Italian)
2004. Le protestantisme évangélique, un christianisme de conversion (ed.), Turnhout, Brepols

Web
GRSL’s website : http://www.grsl.cnrs.fr/
S.Fath’s weblog in English : http://frenchwindows.huaweifort.com/
S.Fath’s weblog in French : http://bloglesbienfaisant.dafafrance.com/
TWITTER : @sbfath, https://twitter.com/SbFath
Youtube : https://www.youtube.com/user/bloglesbienfaisantfr/videos