



## Sebastien Fath (France, CNRS)

### Curriculum Vitae

**Sebastien Fath**  
French historian  
Social scientist

#### Profile

Born in 1968, Sebastien Fath is a French specialist in the study of Evangelicalism. Author of sixteen books, he is research fellow at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS). He is a full member of the GSRL, a French research team working on religion and laicity (secularism). As a social scientist and a citizen, cross-cultural reflexion on Civil Society, Politics and Religion is his focus.

#### Experience (since 1998)

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

**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 at the CR2 level (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 '

#### Last seven publications in English

**2014.** (to be published), "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 Hertz 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 Pili 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



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#### Main awards

**Chateaubriand History Prize**  
**(2004)**

**CNRS Bronze Medal**  
**(2004)**

#### Selection of eight books published in French

**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

**2004.** *Militants de la Bible. Évangéliques et fondamentalistes du Sud*, Paris, Autrement

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

#### Sample of Ph.D. Juries

Ph.D. Jury member for Caroline Gachet (Lausanne University) on Ex-Evangelicals, 18th of June, 2013

Ph.D. Jury member for Fatiha Kaooues on Conversions from islam to Evangelicalism, (Egypt/Lebanon), EPHE, 1st of February, 2013

Ph.D. Jury member for Paul Macaron (EPHE Sorbonne University) on US Premillennialism and Zionism, Date of Ph.D. defense : 16th of Dec., 2011

Ph.D. Jury member for Damien Mottier (EHESS), on the Prophetic experience in Congolese Evangelical Churches in France, Date of Ph.D. defense : 26th of Oct., 2011

Ph.D. Jury member for Valérie Aubourg (University of La Réunion), on Charismatism in La Reunion island, Date of Ph.D. defense : 25th of March., 2011

Ph.D. Jury member for Françoise Fischer Naas (University of Strasbourg), Ph. D. on the history of Mennonites in the Bruche Valley. Date of Ph.D. defense : 13rd of Dec., 2010

Ph.D. Jury member for Franck Labarbe (Montpellier III University), on the analysis of Conversion processes in charismatic Churches in Montpellier. Date of Ph.D. defense : 9th of Dec, 2010

Ph.D. Jury member for Frederic Dejean (Nanterre University), Ph.D. on Evangelicalism and space, a Paris/Montreal comparison. Date of Ph.D. defense : 22th of Nov., 2010

Ph.D. Jury member (external examiner) for Paul Miller, Oxford (University of Wales). Ph.D. on Evangelical Mission in cooperation with Catholics. Date of Ph.D. defense : 21st of Sept., 2010

Ph.D. Jury member for Sarah Demart (Toulouse Le Mirail University). Ph.D. on Congolese Evangelical churches in France, Belgium and Kinshasa. Date of Ph.D. defense : 3rd of May, 2010

Ph.D. Jury member for Celia Belin (University of Pantheon Assas, Paris). Ph.D. on the impact of Christian Zionism on US Foreign Policy. Date of Ph.D. defense : 24th of September, 2009

#### Websites

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

S.Fath's weblog in English : <http://frenchwindows.hautetfort.com/>

S.Fath's weblog in French : <http://blogdesebastienfath.hautetfort.com/>

S.Fath's page on Academia.edu : <http://cnrs.academia.edu/SebastienFATH>

**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)

#### RESEARCH FIELDS :

##### RELIGION & SECULARISM

-History and Sociology of Protestantism

- Geopolitics and Evangelicalism (sub-saharian Africa, French-speaking protestants, South Sudan)

- Megachurches, Evangelical networks (NGOs), Civil Society

- Immigration and religion, interculturality, religious changes in contemporary cities (Paris)