



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.

Most of his Academic work is related to Evangelical networks and geopolitics (particularly between Europe, Africa, USA).

Research fields

- 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)

Experience

2015 Nominated as international expert in the new Observatory on Religion in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Congo RDC)

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

2012-13 Two field studies in Juba (South Sudan)

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 (2004)

Chateaubriand History Prize (2004)



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Publications in English

(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 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

2015. Codirecting a special issue of *Afrique Contemporaine* (quarterly) on Evangelicalism in Africa

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

Web

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

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Youtube : <https://www.youtube.com/user/blogdesebastienfath/videos>

France and South Sudan (in French) : <http://francesudsoudan.blogspot.fr/>