



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 Evangelical Protestantism. Author of fifteen 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)

2010-2013 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 six publications in English

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



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Main awards

Chateaubriand History Prize
(2004)

CNRS Bronze Medal
(2004)

Selection of seven books published in French

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

Last ten Ph.D. Juries

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 (EHES), 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

Ph.D. Jury member for Regis Laurent (Paris III University New Sorbonne). Ph.D. on the Evangelical Gipsy Mission in France. Date of Ph.D. defense : 15th of May, 2008

Websites

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

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

S.Fath's weblog in French : <http://blogdesebastienfath.hautefort.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 Evangelicalism (main theme)

- Religious pluralism, laicity and secularization (France / UK / United States)

- Megachurches, new communities, Civil Society

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