



## Sebastien Fath (France, CNRS)

A short CV

**Sebastien Fath**  
French historian  
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GSRL (Paris, France)  
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Ph.D History  
Sorbonne University  
(EPHE, 1998)

### Profile

Born in 1968, Sebastien Fath is a French specialist in the study of Evangelical Protestantism. Author of eleven books, he is a permanent researcher at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS). He is a full member of the GSRL, a French research team working on religion and 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 (IASH, 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

**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 Anthony 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

**2003.** "A forgotten missionary link between France and Britain : the role of the Baptist Continental Society in France between 1831 and 1836", *London Baptist Quarterly*, vol. 40, July, 2003 : 133-151



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### Selection of six books published in French

**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

**2003.** *Les protestants*, Paris, Le Cavalier Bleu (Collection « Idées reçues »)

### Main awards

Chateaubriand History Prize (2004)

CNRS Bronze Medal (38th section, 2004)

### Last six Ph.D. Juries

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

Ph.D. Jury member for Laurent Amiotte-Suchet (EPHE, Sorbonne University). Ph.D. on comparative analysis between catholic and pentecostal devotional practices. Date of Ph.D. defense : 13th of December, 2006

Ph.D. Jury member for Yannick Fer (EHESS, Paris). Ph.D. on sociology of Pentecostalism in French Polynesia. Date of Ph.D. defense : 9th of February, 2004

Ph.D. Jury member for Jean-Claude Girondin (EPHE, Sorbonne University). Ph.D. on religion and ethnicity among Caribbean Evangelicals in the Parisian area. Date of Ph.D. defense : 18th of December, 2003

### Websites

GSRL's website : <http://www.gsr1.cnrs.fr/>

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

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