

Dr. & Rector Ludovic-Mohamed ZAHED



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Status: S.Sc.D.

PhD. defended: Anthropology of religious facts

Main functions: Theologian, psychotherapist, researcher & teacher

Academic Trainings

- Doctorate of religious facts, Anthropology (EHESS ; 2015)
- Doctorate in social Psychology of religions (Université de Nantes ; 2014)
- Doctorate visitor in South Africa (Cape Town – University of Stellenbosch ; 2014)
- Master II in cognitive Sciences (ENS - rue d'Ulm ; 2008)
- Master I en Psychologie cognitive (Paris X - Nanterre ; 2007)

Professional expertise

- Hôpital Nord, Marseille (France) – Hospital research engineer: neuro-cognitive remediations EPIPAGE & EPIREMED (September 2016 - June 2019)
- Rector of the CALEM Institute – Research, counseling, trainings & editions in Islamic and social sciences : secularism, inter-culturalism, gender & religiosity (2010-2018)
- ANRS – French national agency of research about AIDS (associations committee IPERGAY; 2010-2012)
- TDMES – Research & Publications about children and teenagers (29 countries; 2008-2010)
- EIDEN – HR director (Marseille, Paris, Nice ; 1998-2007)

Honors – complementary information

- o Doctorates in Anthropology and in Psychology of religious facts
- o Imam founder of the first European inclusive mosque (Paris)
- o Founder member of the interfaith network [GIN-SSOGIE](#),
- o Founder member of the [Inimuslim](#) international network,
- o International coordinator of the CALEM confederation,
- o Member of [INERELA](#) - theologians living with HIV/aids
- o One of the 3 French gay of the year ([2012](#)),
- o *Queer Muslim Award* of the year (2014)
- o *Pierre Guénin* price (for [CALEM](#), 2012),
- o Awarded for *Moral Courage* ([2013](#)),
- o Rector of the CALEM Institute.

English: Fluent **Arabic:** Fluent **Spanish, Russian:** read, written

Other skills: Human rights, Geopolitic, Human Sciences, Pro. trainings, Theology.

COLLOQUIUMS, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

Scientific seminars (co-organisator)

- Co-organisation (with Jean Zaganiaris & al.) of an international colloquium, *Qu'est-ce qu'un corps vulnérable ?*, 5 may 2014, EGE, Rabat (CERAM/EGE/CALEM).
- Co-organisation (with Jean Zaganiaris & al.) of an international colloquium, *Qu'est-ce qu'un corps vulnérable ?*, 15 february 2014, EGE, Rabat (EGE/CALEM).
- Co-organisation (with Stéphanie Latte-Abdallah) of Abdennur Prado and Laure Rodriguez Quiroga's conference (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), *Du féminisme islamique à l'engagement LGBT : quel islam inclusif pour quelles citoyennetés en Europe ?*, 22 november 2012, EHESS, Paris (IISMM/EHESS/CALEM).
- Co-organisation (with Stéphanie Latte-Abdallah) of Amina Wadud's conference (Virginia Commonwealth University), *Sexualité, genre et nouvelles théologies islamiques*, 13 décembre 2011, EHESS, Paris (IISMM/EHESS/CALEM).

Scientific seminars (guest)

- Présentation of the séminar *Homosexuality, transidentity and Islam: a systematic and systemic study*, at the Chicago Theological Seminary, 30th of May 2018 (CTS, USA).
- Presentation within the seminar GENDERMED, Randi Deguilhem, *Genre, sexualité et regards monothéistes*, 17th of May 2017 (Université d'Aix-En-Provence).
- Presentation, at the Tunis Faculté des Sciences Juridiques Politiques et Sociales, of the book « *Etre homosexuel au Maghreb* » (Karthala) - dir. Monia Lachheb, researcher at the Institut supérieur du sport et de l'éducation physique de Tunis (ISSEP), and associated researcher at the Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain (IRMC), 13th December 2016.
- Presentation within the seminar of Catherine Grevet & al., *Femmes et religions : Théologien-nes féministes et gay-friendly de l'islam, une approche historiographique*, 14 november 2015 (CIÉPHUM/UMONS).
- Presentation within the seminar of Phuong Mai Nguyen & al., *The middle in the West: bound by mutual interest*, 9 december 2014 (CALEM/ Amsterdam applied sciences University).

- Presentation within the seminar of religious facts anthropology, *Questioning gender and sexual diversity*, 22 october 2014 (CALEM/Western Cap University).
- Presentation within the symposium of Zethu Matebeni & al., *Queer en Afrique : nouvelles théologies islamiques de la libération*, 2 june 2014 (HUMA/Université du Cap).
- Presentation within the seminar of the francophone association of Boston University by Saïful Saleem, *Radically alternative Islamic LGBT corporalities & religiosities*, 23 april 2014 (AFBU/BU).
- Presentation within the seminar of Lerna Ekmekcioglu, *Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa*, 25 april 2014 (Massachussetts Institute of Technology).
- Presentation within the seminar of Djamel Bekkai, *Topics and Arab cultura*, 25 april 2014 (BU).
- Presentation within the seminar of Liliane Dusewoir, *Composition and conversation*, 25 april 2014 (BU).
- Presentation within the seminar of Michel Bondurand, *Représentations et réalités de l'islam en France*, 13 november 2013 (Sorbonne/AUP).
- Presentation within the colloquium organised by Bleisch Bouzar Petra & al., *Des croyant-e-s comme les autres... ou pas? Homophobie dans des traditions religieuses / Gläubige wie die anderen auch... oder nicht?*, 21 june 2013 (HEP/Université de Fribourg).
- Presentation within the seminar of Jocelyne Dakhli, *Harem et Déspotisme*, 15 january 2013 (CRH/EHESS).
- Presentation within the seminar of Florence Bergueaud-Blackler & Martine Gross, *Identités et pratiques homosexuelles dans le judaïsme, le christianisme et l'islam*, 14 may 2012 (EHESS).

Other conferences, colloquiums & workshops (coordinator)

- Co-organiser of the international interfaith colloquium of GIN (100.000 euros budget), *GIN-SSOGIE – global interfaith network*, january 2014 (CALEM/GIN).
- Co-organiser of the international interfaith colloquium of CALEM (11.000 euros de budget), *CALEM – European inclusive Islam*, august 2010 (CALEM/European council).

Mater students co-supervisor

- Two (in 2015 and 2016) about Islam and reformed sexual ethics.

Publications

Books

- Zahed, L. (2019). *“Homosexuality, transidentity and Islam: a systematic and systemic study”*. Amsterdam University Press.
- Zahed, L. (2017). *“Tunisie arc-en-ciel : Désislamisation politique des identités de genre et minoritaires: la Tunisie en comparaison du Maghreb”*. CALEM, Marseille (under press).
- Zahed, L. (2017). *“Islams en devenirs: Radicalisation, misogynie, homophobie et judéophobie: l'émergence de minorités inclusives en pays francophones”* (anthropology thesis). CALEM, Marseille.
- Zahed, L. (2017). *“Homosexualité, Transidentité et Islam”*. CALEM, Marseille.
- Zahed, L. (2016 & 2017). *“LGBT Musulman-es face aux obscurantismes, aux homonationalismes”* (psychology thesis). Des ailes sur un tracteur, Paris.
- Zahed, L. (2013). *“Queer Muslim Marriage”*. Kindle, France.
- Zahed L. (2012). *“Le Coran et la Chair”*. Max Milo, Paris.
- Zahed L. (2011). *“Révoltes extraordinaires: un enfant du sida autour du monde”*. L'Harmattan, Paris.
- Zahed L. (2010-2013). *“Green Books against homophobia and islamophobia” (III tomes)*. HM2F, Paris.

Codirection of collective books

- Zahed, L. & Ostmane, Z. (2016). « *Genre interdit: Nos années noires, entre totalitarisme & obscurantisme. Mes luttes, ma liberté, mon exil* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Zaganiaris, J., Zahed, L., Thomas, M.-Y., Espineira, K. (2016). « *Corps vulnérables vies dévulnérabilisées* ». L'Harmattan, Paris.
- Michaelson, J., Macaulay, R.-J., Zahed, L., Riffat Hassan, E. (2016). « *Behold, I make all things new* ». GIN, Johannesburg.
- Zahed, L. & al. (2014). « *Progressive imams training manual* ». TIC-CALEM, South Africa.

Journal codirection

- Zaganiaris, J, Zahed, L. & al. (dir.), « *Cahiers de la transidentité* ». Special issue (to be published in 2016).

Book chapters

- Zahed, L. « Tunisie post-révolutionnaire : du panarabisme radical aux identités désislamisées ? », in *Tunisie au présent : une démocratisation au-dessus de tout soupçon ?* CNRS éditions (2018, under press).
- Zahed, L. (2016). Corporalités et islamités LGBT radicalement alternatives au Maghreb et au sein des diasporas Arabo-musulmanes, in « *Etre homosexuel au Maghreb* ». Karthala, Paris.
- Zahed, L. (2016). Entre engagement, appropriation et distanciation : le crépuscule d'un « biopouvoir » sexuelle au Maghreb ?, in « *Etre homosexuel au Maghreb* ». Karthala, Paris.
- Zahed, L. (2016). « A radically alternative Islamic LGBT corporalities and religiosity », in *Antigas Leituras*. Pernanbuco Univesridade. Autografia, Rio de Janeiro.
- Zahed L. & al. (2015). « Une religiosité islamique LGBT radicalement alternative », in *Les LGBT font bouger la société*, p. 172-187. Des ailes sur un tracteur, Paris.
- Zahed, L. (2011). « *Des Ténèbres vers la Lumières* », in *Annual report of SOS Homophobie*. SOS homophobie, Paris.

Scientific articles

- Zahed, L. « Théologiennes féministes et gay-friendly de l'islam », *Cahiers internationaux du symbolisme* (2017 occasional, under press).
- Zahed, L. « Identités de genres et culturelles hybrides : la double culture comme une force ? ». *ENAR webzine* (August 2016).
- Zahed, L. « Les femmes et les LGBT arabo-musulman-es à l'avant-garde des mutations du rapport au religieux », *Miroirs: corps étrangers* (occasional n°6).
- Zahed, L. « Corporalités et islamité LGBT radicalement alternatives : L'avant-garde de nouvelles théologies islamiques de la libération ? ». *Concilium* (July 2016).

Bibliographical report

- Zahed, L. (2013). « Habib, Samar (ed.): Islam and Homosexuality | Kugle, Scott Siraj al-Haqq: Homosexuality in Islam »; in *Cahiers d'études africaines (Masculin pluriel)*, 2013, p. 209-210.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Diverse reports

- Zahed L. & al., “*Our Ways of Knowing and Dialoguing - Theologies and Religious Wisdoms*”. [GIN-SOGIE](#) (2014).
- Zahed, L., « Enfants infectés, affectés par le Sida autour du monde : étude comparative d'exemplaires, débuts d'une gestion de leur pandémie ? », [TDMES](#) (2010).

Articles & Tribunes (non exhaustive press report)

- *Islam contemporain et procréation médicalement assistée* (Saphirnews ; Tribune du 6 juillet 2017).
- *Réfugié-es ou gays musulman-es en France, face aux (homo)nationalismes et à l'islamophobie* (Tribune du 17 mai 2016).
- *Théologiennes féministes de l'islam* (Le Monde, avec Stéphanie Latte-Abdallah ; Tribune du 18 février 2013).
- *Attentat déjoué contre une mosquée : c'est à nous, musulmans, de désamorcer cette tension* (Tribune du 12 août 2013).
- *Les imam-es progressistes de part le monde répondent à la violence homophobe d'Al-Azhar en Egypte* (Huffington Post ; Tribune du 7 juin 2013).
- *Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed : gay et musulman, il garde le prêche* (Jeune Afrique ; 19 avril 2013).
- *Je suis gay, marié et musulman : l'islam n'a pas à contrôler ma sexualité* (Nouvel Obs ; 11 janvier 2013).
- *Misogynie, homophobie, transphobie : pourquoi les musulmans "progressistes" ne sont-ils pas tous inclusifs ?* (Saphirnews ; Tribune du 18 août 2012).
- *Why I want to open a gay friendly mosque in Paris* (The Guardian ; Tribune du 26 novembre 2012).
- *Tariq Ramadan et les homosexuels musulmans de France* (Saphirnews ; Tribune du 29 mars 2011).

Documentaries (producer, editor, or main participant)

- [*Familie, geloof en hoop* \(Pays-bas, NTR - 2017\).](#)
- [*Allah vous aime tous : être imam et homosexuel* \(Regards, ARTE - 2016\).](#)
- [*Homosexualité : le retour de la haine* \(Square, ARTE - 2016\).](#)
- [*De l'obscurantisme aux Lumières* \(MOE, TV5 Monde – 2015\)](#)
- [*GIN - Global Interfaith Network* \(documentaire privé - 2014\)](#)
- [*Musiques sacrées du Monde* \(2013\)](#)
- [*Tawhid Umrah* \(2012\)](#)
- [*Se rencontrer en Israël et Palestine* \(private documentary - 2012\)](#)
- [*Génération sida* \(2011\)](#)

Dr. & Imam Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed is the only theologian in the world to establish such links between humanities, gender studies and religious sciences. During his adolescence in Algeria, L. Zahed has been trained to become an imam by studying Qur'an exegesis - Tafsir al-Qur'an - and the pillars of the Islamic orthopraxy - *usul al-fiqh*. He is now master of cognitive psychology, graduate from the Ecole Normale Supérieure in cognitive sciences and currently writing his PhD thesis in anthropology of religion matters at the EHESS on the theme of Islam and homosexuality; after he did a PhD in social psychology of religions.

Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed joins the Department of Anthropology at the EHESS (French school for advanced social studies) in fall 2010. He is about to finalize the writing of his anthropology PhD about Islam and gender diversity, after he studied Islamic theology in Algeria for five years; he also did a master in Cognitive Psychology at the Ecole Normale Supérieure and a PhD in Social Psychology of religions at the University of Nantes - France.

L. Zahed actual thesis is about radically alternative Islamic LGBT (Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) corporalities and religiosities, as the vanguard of new Islamic liberation theologies. His terrain is focusing on LGBT Arab-Muslim organizations emergence mainly in Europe, but also in North and South Africa, and the USA. His fields of expertise include Muslim communities in Europe and Diaspora, and social grammars concerning norm negotiation around gender, sexuality, the public sphere, in relationship to alternative liberation theologies and mystical branches of Islam, such as Progressive, inclusive Islam and Sufism. He is the author of three books and numerous articles, including *Le Coran et la Chair* ("Qur'an and the Flesh" - Max Milo, 2012), and *Queer Muslim Marriage* (Kindle, 2013).

L. Zahed (co)organized or participated (see exhaustive list below) to several conferences, seminars and colloquiums in France, all over Europe, USA (as at the MIT), Morocco and South Africa. His research languages are Arabic, French and English. Before coming as a visitor researcher to Stellenbosch (South Africa), L. Zahed was the international coordinator of the Euro-African network of citizens and intellectuals engaged and working towards an inclusive representation of Islam; he is now the Rector of the CALEM Institute (www.calem.eu).