



## Dr. & Rector Ludovic-Mohamed ZAHED

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**Status:** S.Sc.D.

**Main terrain:** Europe & North Africa

**2 PhDs. published:** NPT (Neuro-Psychosocial-Theology)

### Professional expertise

- CALEM-ICAZ – General Director; international intersectional foundation for logistical and financial support of inclusive grassroots organizations (2024)
- Rector of the CALEM Institute – Research, counseling, trainings & editions in Islamic and social sciences : secularism, inter-culturalism, gender & religiosity (2010-2023)
- CALEM Shelter – Coordinator of our regional inclusive network’s psycho-social accompaniment (2019 – 2022)
- Science Po Paris – Professor for the Emouna program (religions & secularism) - 2021
- Hôpital Nord, Marseille (France) – Clinical research coordinator: neuro-cognitive remediations EPIPAGE & EPIREMED then EPIREM (September 2016 - 2019)
- 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)

### Academic Training

- *Reiki* master - energetical healings (level 1 & 2 ; 2018-2021)
- Mastering young children Neuropsychological training tests (APHM ; 2016)
- Doctorate of religious facts, Anthropology (Highest mention - EHESS ; 2015)
- Doctorate, social Psychology of religions (Not defended - 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)

### 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.

## COLLOQUIUMS, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

### Conferences, colloquiums & workshops

- Acathi Italy, “*Queer Arab-Muslims refugees in Europe*” (Webinar, February 2024)
- AOZIZ Festival, “*Intersectionnal queer Muslim identities*” (Marseille, June 2023)
- Thonon-les-bains agglomération, “*Training trainers about queer Muslims’ representations*” (Thonon-les-bains, May 2023)
- Urgence homophobie, “*Training trainers about queer Muslims’ representations*” (Paris, April 2023)
- Espace Jeanne Barret, “*Art and Academics, intersectionnal perspectives*” (Marseille, December 2022)
- French Ministry of minorities’ rights, “*Shams France*” (December 2022)
- Paris Institut du Monde Arabe, “*Habibi*” (December 2022)
- National French Caisse d’assurance Maladie, “*Shams, queer arab-Muslims in France*” (Paris, November 2022)
- Gilead Laboratories, “*Queer Muslims preventions strategies*” (Paris, June 2022)
- PEPS, *Ecology, LGBT+rights & Islam* (Grenoble, 1st April 2022)
- European Network for work with preparators, “*European Queer Muslims*” (January 2022)
- Youth led cultural initiatives, *All around culture, Tunisian laboratories* (Tunis - November 2021)
- SensLab Geneva, “*Liberation theology & Neuropsychological linguistic mental reprogramming*” (Webinar, July 2021)
- Belgium Pride of Color, “*Intersectionnal communities*” (Anvers, July 2021)
- Sex workers French National Union (STRASS), “*Islam and sex work*” (Webinar, December 2020)
- Opera estate international Festival, *B. motion intersectional motion workshops online* (August 2020).
- European Union Urban Europe, *Diverse Cities facing the COVID-19 crisis* (June 2020)
- *Seminar at the United Nations* (Geneva), in collaboration with MPV (USA) and GIN (South Africa), September 2019

- Les Napoléons, *Keynotes* – in company of Christianne Taubira (former minister of the Republic), Muriel Azoulay (UNESCO president), Anne Hidalgo (maire of Paris), July 2019 (théâtre Antique of Arles)
- 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)

### Scientific seminars (co-organisator)

- Co-organisation (with Ary Gordien & Aminata Cécile Mbaye) of the AOZIZ intersectionally queer Festival, *Journée d'étude inclusive*, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Université d'Aix-Marseille (SESTIM/IDMEC)
- Co-organisation (with Frédérick Strack & al.) of the winter interfaith workshops, *Emouna, interfaith queer perspectives*, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Université Science Po (Emouna)
- Co-organisation (within the seminar of FOF Copenhagen), *Homosexuality, Transidentity in Islam: a systematic and systemic study*, 22nd November 2018 (University of Copenhagen)
- 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)

## Seminars (guest)

- Paris OMNES Universities, “*What identities should we adopt as citizens of intercultural societies*” (28th March 2023)
- Strasbourg University, *Intersexe, transidentity and Islam* (11th April 2022)
- Science Po University, “*Emouna, interfaith queer perspectives*” (Paris, December 2022)
- Valencia Spanish University, “*Gender and sexualities*” (Valencia, 10th July 2022)
- Strasbourg University, “*Intersex & Islam*” (Strasbourg, 11th April 2022)
- Dublin University, *Queer Maghreb Matters* (05 March 2022 – online)
- Geneva University & EGIDE, “*Francophone Migrations and Criminalizations*” (1st July 2021)
- Yale University divinity school, *Homosexuality, transidentity & Islam* (26 May 2021 - online).
- Naples l’Orientale University, “*Queer Migrations*” (21st March 2021)
- Paris American University, “*Faith & Queer*” (25th September 2020)
- African-South American congress, *Islam and sexual diversity*, 28th November 2018 (University of Fortaleza, Brazil)
- 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 (IRMC), 13th December 2016
- Présentation dans le cadre du séminaire de Catherine Grevet & al., *Femmes et religions : Théologien-nes féministes et gay-friendly de l’islam, une approche historiographique*, 14 novembre 2015 (CIÉPHUM/UMONS)
- Presentation within the seminar of Catherine Grevet & al., *Femmes et religions : Théologien-nes féministes et gay-friendly de l’islam, une approche historiographique*, 14 novembre 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 Dusevoir, *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)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- Zahed L. (2023). *“The Koran and the Flesh”*. Max Milo, Paris.
- Zahed, L. (2021). « *Radicalisations intersectionnelles : l’exception culturelle des minorités tunisiennes, le Maghreb et la France en miroir* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Zahed, L. (2020). « *United Nations CALEM 2020 report: islamophobia in France* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Zahed, L. (2019). « *Homosexuality in Islam: systematic and systemic study* ». AUP, Amsterdam.
- 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. (2015). *“Imams training manuals (tomes 1-7)”*. CALEM, Marseille.
- 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.

### Collective books

- Zahed, L. & Al. (2022). « *Manifesta 13 : diversité ou inclusivité* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Ferrara C. & al. (2021). « *I have a dream: studi e strumenti per il lavoro con migranti LGBTI* ». Editoriale scientifica, Napoli.

- Zahed, L. & Ostmane, Z. (2016). « *Genre interdit: Nos années noires, entre totalitarisme & obscurantisme. Mes luttes, ma liberté, mon exil* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Zaganiaris, J., Zahed, I., 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.

## Books (editor)

- Lapoterie, A. (2023). « *L'appel devancé* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Hadjebi, D. (2023). « *Arabesques* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Atayi, N. & , Baudoin, L. (2023). « *Tayyib & Tahir* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Kounkou, S. (under press). « *Enfant d'Allah : trans-parentalité afro-arabo-musulmane* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Dematons, R. (2022). « *Decoloniser les progressismes en Islam* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Garrec, L. (2021). « *Radicalisation ou mysticisme* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Legrand, E. (2021). « *Ma vision de l'homosexualité en Afrique* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Gerbeaud, S.-A. (2018). « *Une lutte poétique : handicaps, luttes de classe & accompagnement psychanalytique* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Amatsoukey, M. (2017). « *La rose de Damas : de la sakina à l'âme du monde* ». CALEM, Marseille.
- Bel Abbès, S. (2017). « *Digno de amor : alcanzando la libertad* ». CALEM, Marseille.

## 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).
- 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. “Islamic Sexual Perversions and Apostasy Representations: Eastern and Western Classical Law Modern Reformist Mutations”, *Religions* (2021).
- Zahed L. « Désislamisation post-révolutionnaires des identités de genre et minoritaires : la Tunisie en comparaison du Maghreb », *Migrations sociétés* (2017).
- Zahed, L. « Théologues féministes et gay-friendly de l'islam », *Cahiers internationaux du symbolisme* (2017).
- 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* (n°6).
- Zahed, L. « Corporalités et islamité LGBT radicalement alternatives : L'avant-garde de nouvelles théologies islamiques de la libération ? ». *Concilium* (July 2016).

## Journal codirection

- Zaganianis, J, Zahed, L. & al. (dir.), « *Cahiers de la transidentité* ». Special issue (to be published in 2016).
- Reviewer for *Religions* international journal (ISSN 2077-1444)

## Bibliographical report & reviews

- Reviewer for the international MDPI journals since 2021 (*Religions, Youth*, etc.).
- 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.



## Diverse reports

- Zahed, L. (2024). “*Manifesto 2024 – CALEM-ICAZ Foundation (towards a holistic Neuro-psychosocial-theology)*”. CALEM, Marseille. Available online - <https://www.calem.eu/francais2/Manifesto-CALEM-2024-EN.html>
- 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).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### Press articles – since 2021

- *Konbini : Le Speech de L. Zahed*
- *Amnesty International - le coming-out de l'imam (page 27 ; February 2021)*
- *Garçons magazine - personnalités LGBT+ de l'année 2020 (January 2021)*
- *Machi Rojola - les masculinités en Islam (January 2021)*
- *JINS - être Arabe et/ou musulman-es & LGBTQIA+ en France (December 2020)*
- *L'intervista (Italie) - "Il mio Islam non è omofobo" (December 2020)*
- *STRASS - Travail du sexe et Islam (December 2020)*
- *GIN - Avons-nous besoin d'un nouvel Islam ? (December 2020)*
- *Pourquoi les gays, noirs et musulmans, se sentent-ils si incompris ? (November 2020)*
- *Tags Spiegel - Islam radical et fascisme (November 2020)*
- *Médiapart - l'exploitation des minorités par des institutions artistiques (October 2020)*

### Articles & statements (before 2021)

- *Manifesta 13: artistic institutions and minorities exploitation (Mediapart)*
- *Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed, imam et homosexuel (Radio Télévision Suisse ; 27 May 2019)*

- *Islam et homosexualité dans le monde Arabe* (Al Hurra TV Beyrouth ; 4 November 2018)
- *L'islam homophobe ?* (i24 News ; 16 July 2018)
- *Pride Marseille 2018 : l'imam Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed combat le tabou de l'homosexualité dans l'islam* (France 3 ; 6 July 2018)
- *Schwul sein und Imam?* (Deutsch Welle & Spiegel TV ; 18 August 2017)
- *Contemporary Islam and surrogate mothers* (Saphirnews ; Tribune, 6 July 2017).
- *L'imam gay* (France Culture ; 13 June 2016)
- *Un imam gay algérien marie deux iraniennes à Stockholm, des salafistes veulent le déchoir de sa nationalité* (Huffpost Maghreb ; 18 November 2014)
- *Islam contemporain et procréation médicalement assistée* (Saphirnews ; Tribune - 6 July 2017).
- *Réfugié-es ou gays musulman-es en France, face aux (homo)nationalismes et à l'islamophobie* (Tribune - 17 May 2016).
- *Théologiennes féministes de l'islam* (Le Monde, avec Stéphanie Latte-Abdallah ; Tribune - 18 February 2013).
- *Attentat déjoué contre une mosquée : c'est à nous, musulmans, de désamorcer cette tension* (Tribune - 12 August 2013).
- *Les imam-es progressistes de part le monde répondent à la violence homophobe d'Al-Azhar en Egypte* (Huffington Post ; Tribune du 7 June 2013).
- *Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed : gay et musulman, il garde le prêche* (Jeune Afrique ; 19 April 2013).
- *Je suis gay, marié et musulman : l'islam n'a pas à contrôler ma sexualité* (Nouvel Obs ; 11 January 2013).
- *Misogynie, homophobie, transphobie: pourquoi les musulmans "progressistes" ne sont-ils pas tous inclusifs ?* (Saphirnews; Tribune -18 August 2012).
- *Why I want to open a gay friendly mosque in Paris* (The Guardian; Tribune du 26 November 2012).
- *.Tariq Ramadan et les homosexuels musulmans de France* (Saphirnews; Tribune - 29 mars 2011).

## **Documentaries (producer, editor, or main participant)**

- [Musulman et LGBT ? \(RTBF - 2019\)](#)
- [Rencontre avec un imam gay \(Switzerland - 2019\)](#)
- [Cet imam qui brise les tabous \(Dailymotion - 2017\)](#)
- [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 \( private documentary - 2014\)](#)
- [Musiques sacrées du Monde \(2013\)](#)
- [Tawhid Umrah \(2012\)](#)
- [Se rencontrer en Israël et Palestine \(private documentary - 2012\)](#)
- [Génération sida \(2011\)](#)

## Information about the CALEM institute since 2015

- [Newsletter - October 2021](#)
- [Newsletter - July 2021](#)
- [Newsletter - April 2021](#)
- [Newsletter - January 2021](#)
- [Newsletter - October 2020 \(Statement\)](#)
- [Newsletter - July 2020](#)
- [Newsletter - April 2020 \(coronavirus\)](#)
- [Newsletter - January 2020](#)
- [Newsletter - October 2019](#)
- [Newsletter - July 2019](#)
- [Newsletter - May 2019](#)
- [Newsletter - January 2019](#)
- [Newsletter - September 2018](#)
- [Newsletter - May 2018](#)
- [Newsletter - January 2018](#)
- [Newsletter - January 2017](#)
- [Newsletter - January 2016](#)
- [Newsletter - September 2015](#)

## Examples of our university seminars and sermons

- [Dr. & Rector L. Zahed - Ramadhan 2018 USA Tour \(Washington, Chicago, Atlanta, Detroit\)](#)
- [Dr. & Rector Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed at the MIT \(Boston\)](#)
- [Dr. Amina Wadud: our seminar in collaboration with the EHESS \(Paris\)](#)

- [Khoutbah: unicity of God and of our humanity \(South Africa, TIC\)](#)
- [Khoutbah: links between LGBT+ identities & religiosities \(CALEM Institute, Marseille\)](#)
- [\(LGBT rights and Islam\) حقوق الأقليات في الإسلام - إمام و دكتور لدفاك محمد زاهد](#)

## Progressive imam-as training (examples – Level 1)

- Dars - level 1: pillars of progressive faith - piliers de la foi progressiste ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 2: living the Quranic ethics - vivre l'éthique du Coran ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 3: Tawheed, homosexuality, Islam - Tawhid, homosexualité, islam ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 4: Progressive Imam-as' reform - Réforme des imam-es progressistes ([here](#))
- Dars - level 5: Modern Islamic feminism - Féminisme islamique contemporain ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 6: Radicalisation, Frères musulmans, Réforme & Ecologie ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 7: Double culture, hybridité, "pinkwashings" (Homonationalismes) ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 8: Dialogue interreligieux, familles et prévention VIH ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 9: Epreuves, tribulations & mystique de l'engagement ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 10: Dogmatisme, 3 valeurs éthiques & 5 catégories d'actions ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 11: Ethique de l'auto-défense et droits humains ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 12: Histoire des peuples arabes et "djihadisme" ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 13: Orientalisme, la politique est-elle partout ? ([video here](#))
- Dars - level 14: Judaïsme inclusif & transidentités ([video here](#))

## Examples of some of our open source publications

- Clerical privileges, or truly liberating theology? ([here](#))
- Double culture, radicalization & "pinkwashings" (PPT [in French](#) / [in English here](#))
- Islam and sex workers ([in collaboration with the French STRASS, in French online](#))

- Homosexuality, transidentity & monotheisms (PPT [in French](#) / [in English here](#))
- Gay-friendly theologians & islamic feminism ([English PPT here](#))
- USA conference tour (Ramadan 2018 : [part 1](#) - [part 2](#) - [part 3](#))

- Well-being versus radicalization: fascism steps in Islam ([PDF here](#))
- Fascist dehumanisation of minorities in Islam ([PPT in English here](#))
- The return of fascism from within Islam? ([video here](#))
- HIV / AIDS Sida & Islam: recommandations, counselling ([PPT here](#))
- Children, teenagers and AIDS: a cross cultural approach ([PPT here](#))

LGBT+ refugees: advices & recommandations ([links on this page here](#))

- Our GIN-SSOGIE network in Africa ([PDF in English here](#))
- Our GIN retreat in Africa, 2014 ([video here](#))
- "Families & traditional values", GIN presentation ([Français ici](#) / [English here](#)) & [video here](#)

## Research projects

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Dr. & Rector 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. Ludovic-Mohamed Zahed joined the Department of Anthropology at the EHESS (French school for advanced social studies) in fall 2010. Since then, he did publish his two PhD thesis: in anthropology of religion matters at the EHESS on the theme of Islam and homosexuality (defended and published); and his PhD in social psychology of religions at the University of Nantes (not defended but published).

L. Zahed general research perspectives are about radically alternative Islamic LGBT+ (Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) corporalities and religiosities, as the vanguard of new Islamic liberation, inclusive and feminist, theologies. His terrain is focusing on LGBT+ Arab-Muslim and refugees 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 several books, translated in different languages, published by international institutions such as the Amsterdam University Press.

L. Zahed (co)organized or participated 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. Today, L. Zahed is the international coordinator of the Euro-African network of citizens and intellectuals engaged and working towards an inclusive representation of Islam (INIMuslim); he is now the Rector of the CALEM Institute (Marseille, France)<sup>1</sup>, developing holistic endeavours (neuro-psychosocial-theology paradigm)<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> More information about our past research online - <https://www.calem.eu/publications/ARTICLES/Report%20past%20research%20-%20Cabinet%20CALEM%202010-2015.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.calem.eu/francais2/Manifesto-CALEM-2024-EN.html>

## **Research methodology**

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### **Empowering students, partners and customers in their process of acquiring expertise, in terms of appropriation and transmission, based on:**

- Acquire intersectional academic knowledge (theoretical contributions, case studies, field dynamic participation in France, Europe, Middle-East, Africa, and elsewhere in the world)
- The development of ecological reflective capacities, in collaboration with all clients / participants to be empowered (reproducible skills)
- The awareness of contemporary issues at the heart of social dynamics, in connection with social cohesion, and a secular representation of the public sphere

### **Studies and research, field work, project endeavors, training of imams, trainers, & citizens, conferences, symposiums, communication, prevention, individual psycho-spiritual counseling.**

- Accompanying interpersonal and institutional dynamics related to freedom of conscience, accommodations between the Republic and religious communities about inclusive interpretations of religious ethics, respecting the law and human dignity (as defined by the European Union);
- Support for social interventions, taking into account both the breadth, diversity and topographic complexity of the field that we are keen to understand, based on universally inclusive definitions of Secularism (*Laïcité*) and Republican social and ecological dynamics (bergsonian & todian perspectives);
- Support in the deconstruction of discriminating analysis grids, in order to understand the wealth of different epistemological referents without categorizing individuals in a performative manner, based neither solely on their origins nor on the social categories they belong to (whether ethnic, religious, professional, etc. - butlerian perspective);
- Accompanying the understanding, interpreting, and appropriating will to reinforce a practice of the spiritual traditions, within a universally egalitarian paradigm, consistent with an ethic based on the well-being of all, adapted to social contexts and present times (bourdivian perspective);
- Development of specialized indicators to put social and political data in perspective concerning what is freedom of conscience, and what reveals a radicalization process (psychological effects of inhumanisation, stages of radicalism in a context of social agentivity quest, responsibility of the various social and political actors on these individual / community / Republican processes, etc. – leyensian & moscovician perspectives);
- Support in task planning which assesses the discriminatory / radicalization process (changes in socio-cognitive representations, group dynamic manipulation between honest people, hysteresis and "radical" rupture of positive feedback loops related to violence).