

### **Malek Chebel (Algeria/France)**

Born in 1953 in Skikda, Algeria, Chebel completed his primary and secondary studies in Arabic, later obtaining his bachelor's degree in philosophy and literature in 1977 at the Université Aïn El-Bey de Constantine. In 1980, he earned his first PhD in clinical psychopathology and psychoanalysis at Paris VII, Centre Censier. In 1982, Chebel received his PhD in anthropology and in history of religion at Jussieu, and in 1984 he earned his PhD in political science at the IEP de Paris. In 1995, he took up the position of director of research at the Sorbonne.

Chebel has taught in universities in France, Morocco, Tunisia, the United States, and Belgium, and has written extensively on Islam. In various interviews with the press, Chebel has taken strong positions on modern Islam, proposing that problems among people must be solved by those people themselves rather than by God.

He is married with three children.

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