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**Brief Biography**

Barbara Thériault is associate professor at the Department of Sociology at University of Montreal (UdeM). She is also member of the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies at UdeM and editor in chief of *Sociologie et sociétés*. She holds a Ph.D. from the Max Weber Centre for Cultural and Social Studies in Erfurt and the Free University of Brussels.

The sociology of religion, seen from a Weberian perspective, is the thread connecting her research projects. Her previous work deals with the impact of radical change in 1989, most notably on religious organizations in East Germany. Her publications related to this topic include *'Conservative Revolutionaries': Protestant and Catholic Churches in Germany after Radical Political Change in the 1990s* (Berghahn, New York, 2004). Still drawing on the sociology of Max Weber, she is currently working on a book project entitled *The Police Officer and the Sociologist: Investigating Diversity in Police Forces in Germany*. Recent publications include "Le sociologue, l'homme pieux et le pluralisme religieux. Dialogue avec Max Weber," *Social Compass*, 57, no. 2 (2010) and "Inquiring into Diversity. The Case of Berlin Police Inspector Bobkowski," *German Politics and Society*, 27, no. 4 (2009) as well as a special issue of *Sociologie et sociétés* entitled "Les passeurs de frontières" and one of *Théologiques* on "le charisme toujours énigmatique."