

Patrick Lagadec

Dr. Patrick Lagadec is a Senior Research Scientist at the École Polytechnique (Department of Economics, Econometrics Laboratory). He is member of the French Academy of Technologies. He was awarded the Forum Engelberg prize in 1999.

His research and expertise focus on crisis intelligence and leadership in increasingly chaotic and un-chartable environments to which conventional analytical reasoning and management tools can no longer be applied in the light of increasingly globalized connectivity of events, systems and processes.

He is the author of a host of books including: *Preventing Chaos in a Crisis*, (McGraw Hill, 1993); book chapters, such as “*Crisis Management in the Twenty-First Century – “Unthinkable” Events in “Unthinkable” Contexts*”, in Dynes, Quarantelli, Rodriguez, *Handbook of Disaster Research*, (Springer, October 2006); and scores of articles, such as “The Borderline of Chaos” (*Crisis Response*, 2006) and media op-ed papers, for example {in conjunction with E. Michel-Kerjan} “A New Era Calls for a New Model”, (*International Herald Tribune*, Nov. 1, 2005).

He is currently researching and developing new paradigms and operational know-how to meet the challenges of major dislocations and chaotic contexts. A good example is Patrick Lagadec's concept of the “*Rapid Reflection Force*” – a specific approach and practice to deal with hyper-complex, unknown and even “inconceivable” situations in which loss of bearings tends to paralyze traditional crisis management approaches.

A large part of his time is devoted to fieldwork in "post-mortem" studies: SARS (2003), Heatwave (2003), Hurricane Katrina (2005), Flu pandemic (2009). He regularly produces videos featuring leading experts and decision makers from all over the world.

Teaching and Training

Patrick Lagadec has led a large number of ad hoc seminars for students in some of the most renowned academic institutions, for the advanced preparation of top-level decision-makers such as prefects, judges and inspectors in the public sector, and for executive board members of some of the most prominent corporations in the critical network arena.

Editorial Responsibilities

Patrick Lagadec is a member of the Editorial Committee of the *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, Blackwell. He is also special advisor for unconventional crises to the editorial committee of the *Crisis Response Journal*.

Media Expertise

Patrick Lagadec is regularly invited by television, radio and the press – especially during crisis episodes - to share his expertise live.

Website

Patrick Lagadec's website has been designed to give students, decision-makers, journalists and lay-people direct access to a large body of theoretical knowledge, case studies, videos, slides, etc.

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