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Patrick Peretti-Watel holds a position of Research Director in the French National Institute for Medical Research. He obtained his PhD in Sociology in Paris in 1999. His major research areas throughout his career have been the sociology of risk and the sociology of health. During the last decade he coordinated a series of research projects dealing with licit and illicit drug uses as well as other risky behaviours, both among the youth and the general population, with a special focus on social inequalities issues. Patrick Peretti-Watel is author or co-author of about one hundred and fifty peer-reviewed articles and a dozen of books.

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