

Curriculum Vitae

Contact Details

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Highlights

Beatriz Garcia is a multi-cultural environmental lawyer with a Ph.D. in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International Studies and Development in Geneva who lived in four continents. She is currently an adjunct academic at New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD). With over ten years' experience in the sustainability sector, a Nationally Accredited Mediator, and an attorney admitted to practice in Brazilian courts, Beatriz has extensive project management and industry experience. She has worked for a carbon markets company based in Sydney, and as a project manager at the United Nations in Geneva, implementing biotrade and climate mitigation projects in South America and Asia. Beatriz has conducted consultancy work for various United Nations' agencies and environmental NGOs. Prior to coming to Abu Dhabi, she has been training Indigenous peoples in the Amazon about forest carbon markets. Currently, she is conducting consultancy work for a Brazilian law firm and the Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA) on the voluntary carbon market. Her areas of expertise are environmental policy and climate change law, supported by extensive field work. Her research was published by Cambridge and Oxford University Presses and her articles in the top journals in global environmental law.

Education

2009 PhD in International Law, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland.
Thesis: The International Legal Regime of the Amazon. Chair: Laurence Boisson de Chazourne and Marcelo Kohen.

2002 MA in International Law, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland.
Thesis: The Protection of the Marine Environment. Chair: Lucius Caflisch

1998 LLB. Bachelor of Laws, University of Brasilia, Brazil.
Barrister in Brazil since 1999, *Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil* (OAB).

Awards & Funding

2021 shortlisted Alternative Dispute Resolution *Academic of the Year*, Australian Disputes Centre

2009 post-doctoral scholarship, Swiss Foundation Ernst and Lucie Schmidheiny.

2007 PhD scholarship, Swiss Foundation Ernst and Lucie Schmidheiny.

2002 MA scholarship, Swiss Foundation Hans Wilsdorf.

Employment

Current Appointments

2023 – now Adjunct Assistant Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi.

2022 – now Associate Attorney, *Hernandez Lerner e Miranda Advocacia*, Brasilia, Brazil.

2017 – now Senior Lecturer, School of Law, Western Sydney University.

Previous Appointments

2021 Referee for the 2021 Environmental Courts and Tribunals Review Board Members to review the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report on [Environmental Courts and Tribunals \(ECT\) 2016 Guideline for Policymakers](#).

2011-2016, Forests Alive Pty Ltd, Biodiverse Carbon and Climate Solutions, Sydney, Australia.

Forests Alive develops carbon projects on private lands to protect natural forests. The company was the first in the world to commercialise forest carbon projects, purchased by airline companies, hotel chains, universities and individuals. This provides an alternative source of income to private landowners, who opt for forest conservation instead of degrading activities, such as logging. As a result of this work, more than 38,000 hectares of native forests have been protected in Australia, including the habitat for wildlife including endangered species like the Tasmanian devil, white goshawk and wedge tail eagle. The unique experience developing those forest carbon projects is highly valued in academic circles and by the industry.

2002-2007, Trade and Environment, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva, Switzerland.

At the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch of UNCTAD I was responsible for managing climate change and biotrade projects in countries in South America and Asia-Pacific. One of my main achievements was the design and implementation of a regional biotrade programme in the Amazon. Key outcomes include successful implementation of the project in 8 countries, and the completion of a regional implementation plan. There was high stakeholder satisfaction (investors & sponsors) upon completion of the project. I was also responsible for the formulation of a Clean Development Mechanism guide and capacity building activities in Brazil related to climate change projects.

Accreditations & Appointments

Nationally Accredited Mediator, College of Law, Sydney, Australia.

Bar Exam and Admission to Practice, Brazilian Bar Association, Brazil.

Member – Academy of Environmental Law, *International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN)*.

Member – *Institute for Culture and Society* (ICS), Western Sydney University

Publications & Reports

Book

1. 'The Amazon from an International Law Perspective' (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

Book Chapters

2. 'The Promise of Environmental Cooperation in Latin America,' *Latin American International Law* (Oxford University Press). *Forthcoming in 2022*.
3. 'Regional Environmental Law and Policy,' *Oxford Handbook on International Law and the Americas* (Oxford University Press). *Forthcoming in 2022*.
4. 'Carbon Trading as a Climate Mitigation Tool' in S. Alam, J. Razzaque, and J. Bhuiyan (eds), *International Natural Resources Law, Investment and Sustainability* (Routledge, 2018).
5. 'Contemporary Marine Environmental Disputes' in D. Hassan and Md Saiful Karim (eds), *International Marine Environmental Law and Policy* (Routledge, 2018), with D. Hassan.
6. 'Sustainable Water Resource Management and the Amazon Basin' in W. Scholtz and J. Verschuuren (eds), *Regional Environmental Law, Transregional Comparative Lessons in Pursuit of Sustainable Development* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015).
7. 'Brazil and Indonesia : REaDD+y or not?', in R. Lyster, C. MacKenzie and C. McDermott, *Law, Tropical Forests and Carbon: The Case of REDD+* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), with S. Butt, J. Parsons and T. Stephens.

Journal Articles

8. 'The Promise of Environmental Cooperation in Latin America: Building Deforestation-Free Supply Chains,' *American Journal of International Law Unbound*, Vol. 116, 2022, with L. Pauwels.
9. 'Basket of Benefits Approach: Accounting for Multiple Forest Ecosystem Services' (2022) *Ecosystem Services* (2022), with E. Morgan et al.
10. 'REDD+ and Forest Protection on Indigenous Lands in the Amazon' (2021) *Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law, Special Issue on the Amazon Rainforest*, pp 1-13, with L. Rimmer, L. Canal Vieira and B. Mackey.
11. 'Beyond Culture: Reimagining the Adjudication of Indigenous Peoples' Rights in International Law' (2021) *Intercultural Human Rights Law Review*, pp 127-169, with L. Lixinski.
12. 'Net zero for the international shipping sector? An analysis of the implementation and regulatory challenges of the IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions' (2020) *Journal of Environmental Law*, pp 1-28, with A. Foerster and J. Lin.
13. 'Complying with Australia's Illegal Logging Laws: Tough Reality after a Soft Start? Lessons from the United States and the European Union' (2019) *Asia-Pacific Journal of Environmental Law*, vol 22, no 1, pp 7 – 26, with J. Verschuuren.

14. 'Marine Plastic Pollution in Asia: All Hands on Deck!' (2019) *Chinese Journal of Environmental Law*, vol. 3, no 1, pp 11 – 46, with F. Meng and J. Lin.
15. 'Exercising a Community of Interests: A Comparison between the Mekong and the Amazon Legal Regimes' (2009) *Hong Kong Law Journal*, vol 39, no 2, pp 421 - 456.

Edited Collection

16. 'Amazon Rainforest,' *Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law*, co-edited with Ricardo Pereira, 2021.

Other Publications

17. 'The Shipping Sector is Finally on Board in the Fight against Climate Change' *The Conversation*, 18 April 2018, with J. Lin.
18. 'Australia might Water Down Illegal Logging Laws – Here's Why it's a Bad Idea' *The Conversation*, 8 November 2017.
19. 'The World Protests as the Amazon is Opened to Mining' *The Conversation*, 29 August 2017. The piece has been selected to be published in the Western Sydney University *Theme Champions*, 2017.

Reports

20. 'Comparative Law Study on the Implementation of Biosphere Reserve Zonation in the Asia Pacific Region with Identification of Key Legal Aspects' (UNESCO), 2018.
21. 'Training Manual on Developing Joint BioTrade and REDD+ Projects' (UNCTAD), 2016.
22. 'Climate Change Additionality and Overseas Development Assistance Post-Copenhagen' (UNCTAD), 2015.
23. 'Local Governance, Anti-corruption and REDD+ in Latin America and the Caribbean: Exploring Synergies to Strengthen Transparency and Accountability' (UNDP), 2011.

Media

1. Interviewed and cited by *The Economist* in 2019 for their Blue Piece Index 2019.
2. Radio interview on *Australia's illegal logging legislation* with radio program *Think: Sustainability*, on **16 November 2017**; Radio interview on the *Amazon forest and mining*, with *ABC Radio Brisbane*, **7 September 2017**, and *FM 107.3 Tuesday Daily*, on **29 August 2017**. I was also approached by *Al Jazeera*; Radio interview on the *International Maritime Organization (IMO) regulation on sulphur emissions*, with *ABC Radio Brisbane*, on **12 August 2019**; Radio interview on the *IMO Strategy on Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Ships*, with *ABC Radio Brisbane*, on **27 September 2019**.

Fundraising & Grants

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| Grant Title: | <i>Tropical Primary Forests and Climate Change Research Project</i> |
| Funder: | Griffith University through Anonymous Donor |
| Date: | January 2018 – December 2021 |
| Amount | USD 240,000 |
| Role: | Lead researcher |
| Site: | https://www.griffith.edu.au/research/research-excellence/griffith-climate-change-response-program/primary-forests-protection |
| Output: | RECIEL article (2021), 2 working papers, 2 conference presentations |
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| Title: | <i>The Shipping Sector and GHG Emissions: The Initial Strategy for a Zero-Carbon Pathway</i> |
| Funder: | Western Sydney University, Women's Research Fellowship |
| Date: | November 2018 – November 2019 |
| Amount: | USD 21,207 |
| Role: | Lead researcher |
| Output: | JEL article (2020), Workshop on shipping and sustainability (2019), visit to IMO, London (2019) |
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| Title: | <i>Comparative Law Study on the Implementation of Biosphere Reserve Zonation in the Asia Pacific Region with Identification of Key Legal Aspects</i> |
| Funder: | UNESCO |
| Date: | November 2017 – July 2018 |
| Amount: | USD 26,579 |
| Role: | Lead researcher (with Professor Donna Craig) |
| Output: | 2018 UNESCO report |
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| Project Title: | <i>Climate Change Additionality and Overseas Development Assistance Post-Copenhagen</i> |
| Funder: | Debt and Development Finance Branch, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies (UNCTAD) |
| Date: | October 2015 – November 2015 |
| Amount: | USD 8,000 |
| Role: | Sole researcher |
| Output: | Report presented at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, 2015 (COP-21). |
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| Project Title: | <i>E-Learning Course: Integrating REDD+ Projects into BioTrade Strategies</i> |
| Funder: | Trade and Development Division (UNCTAD) |
| Date: | January 2014 – December 2014 |
| Amount: | USD 20,000 |
| Role: | Chief Investigator |
| Output: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. As a result of the success of the course (95.8% satisfaction), the UN signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2015 with my then employer (Forests Alive) to develop training tools for Asia-Pacific countries2. Report publication (UNCTAD, 2016)3. E-Learning course was presented at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade <i>Australian Award Fellowship Program</i> in 2015. |

Research funding obtained before 2014 can be provided upon request. Funders include: the United Nations Development Programme and UN-REDD Programme; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; German Technical Cooperation; and British Petroleum.

Workshops Organization

Organized Workshops:

- Workshop on the Legal Protection of the Amazon, **2021**.
- Workshop on Shipping and Sustainability: The Next Frontier for Tackling Climate Change, **2019**.
- Workshop on First Q&A Session with Dispute Resolution Practitioners, **2018**.

Selected Presentations

Training, Conference & Workshop presentations:

- Trainer, carbon markets training workshops:

‘REDD+ in the Context of Indigenous Territories’, organised by the Protected Forest Association, held in Brasilia (Brazil), from 3-5 August 2022.

Safeguards and REDD+ in the Ethnic region of Altamira, Para’ organised by the Network of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil and the Indigenous Peoples Federation of Para, held in Altamira, Para (Brazilian Amazon), from 19-19 October 2022.

Carbon Projects in Indigenous Territories, Protected Forest Association, Kabu Institute and Raoni Institute, funded by International Conservation Fund of Canada, held in Brasilia, from 12-16 December 2022.

Meeting on Climate and REDD+ Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples in the Amazon, **24-27 January 2023**, Manaus (Brazil).

Workshop on Climate Change, Forests and Carbon Financing for Forest People, **10-11 January 2023**, Brasilia (Brazil).

- Guest Speaker, COP-27 Key Takeaways, Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, **December 2022**.
- Guest Speaker, Firechat COP-26 Unmasked, Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, **November 2021**.
- 17th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Kuala Lumpur, **August 2019**.
- Tropical Primary Forests and Climate Change Research Project, Annual Symposium, Woods Hole Research Centre, Falmouth, USA, **March 2019**.
- Tropical Primary Forests and Climate Change Research Project, Annual Symposium, Springbrook, Australia, **March 2018**
- 15th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Philippines, **August 2017**.
- 17th Conference of the Parties of the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Durban, South Africa, November-December **2011**

Languages

- Portuguese (mother tongue)
- English (fluent)
- Spanish (fluent)
- French (fluent)