

## Ricardo Garcia

*Environmental writer, trainer and consultant*

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### Nationality

Portuguese and Brazilian

### Qualifications

PhD student at the *Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies Doctoral Programme*, University of Lisbon (2009-2010). Taught component concluded with an 18/20 average.

Fellow at the *Reuters Programme for Journalists*, Green College, Oxford University (1999/2000).

BA in History, University of São Paulo, Brazil (1981-1985).

Two years attendance of Civil Engineering, Escola Politécnica, University of São Paulo, Brazil (1980-1981).

### Work experience in journalism

#### **Freelance journalist and environment consultant, Portugal/UK (2016 to the present)**

- Editorial projects
- Special assignments
- Data journalism
- Journalism training
- Keynote speaking and conference moderator
- Environment, climate change and energy analysis

#### ***Público* daily national newspaper, Portugal (1989-2016)**

*Environmental/science reporter, web and print*

- General coverage of national and international environmental and science issues
- Coordinator and author of special features and projects

- Investigative reporting
- Special focus on climate change
- Coverage of major UN conferences (climate COPs/UN Earth summits)

#### *Editor*

- Editor of the [environmental page](#) at Público's online news edition
- Editor *on rota* of the overall online news edition
- Editor of the annual Earth Day special supplement ([sample: special issue on population](#))
- Assistant editor of the print edition

#### *Multimedia*

- Print and web news graphics and data projects. (Samples in awards for infographics)

#### *Columnist/Editorialist*

- Editorials on environment and science
- Weekly chronicles ([sample: sustainability](#)) ([sample: transportation](#))

#### *Social media*

- Chronicles on sustainability ([blog](#))([facebook](#))

#### *Other*

- General reporter on national and international issues

### ***Expresso weekly national newspaper, Portugal (1988-1989)***

Freelance reporter on social and environmental issues.

### **Other freelance work**

Contributions to publications in the UK (*Climate News Network, Environment Europe and Packaging Law*), Spain (*Energías Renovables*), Brazil (*O Globo, Terra da Gente, Vacance*) and Portugal (*Up, TAP inflight magazine*).

Script writer of two episodes of the TV Series *O Planeta Agradece* (2007).

Guest appearances on radio and TV programmes in Portugal.

### Work experience in journalism training

#### ***Thomson Reuters Foundation (2015 to the present)***

Freelance trainer and mentor. First course delivered in Brazil (July 2015), on the sustainable development goals and climate change. Member of the pool of journalists of TRF's mentoring programme.

#### **Further experience**

Coordinator of environmental workshops, training courses and study trips for journalists since 1998.

## Other activities related to journalism

Guest speaker and moderator in conferences at universities, governmental and non-governmental organizations and other institutions.

Co-founder and member of the board of the Portuguese Association of Environment and Science Journalists (ARCA) since 2005. President since 2008.

Portuguese delegate at the European Union of Science Journalists Associations (EUSJA).

Member of the Society for Environmental Journalists, USA, since 1998.

## Work experience in other areas

### **History Teachers Association (APH), Lisbon, Portugal (1987-1988)**

Administrative assistant

### **São Paulo's City Heritage Department (DPH), São Paulo, Brasil (1982-1987)**

Research assistant in urban history

### **Brazilian Research and Projects Funding Agency (FINEP), São Paulo, Brazil (1981-1982)**

Trainee. Project evaluation assistant.

### **Brazilian Lawyers Guild (OAB), São Paulo, Brazil (1981)**

Trainee. Archives digitalization

### **Freelance writer and proofreader, São Paulo, Brazil (1981-1987)**

## Journalism awards (articles and feature stories)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Awarding body</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Work</b>
<b>Print Media Award</b>	Portuguese Energy Association	2013	Second prize	A series of articles on the European carbon market crisis
<b>Valorsul Journalism Award</b>	Valorsul waste management company	2010	First prize	Chronicles about sustainability in everyday life
<b>Rock in Rio Sustainable Attitude Award</b>	Rock in Rio Festival	2010	Runner-up	General work as an environmental journalist
<b>Print Media Award</b>	Portuguese Energy Association	2009	First prize	Earth Day special supplement on energy and environment
<b>Fernando Pereira Environment Award</b>	Portuguese Confederation of Environmental Associations	2005	Runner-up	General work as an environmental journalist
<b>Print Media Award</b>	Portuguese Energy Association	2004	First prize	A series of articles on the Kyoto Protocol and emissions trading

<b>Sustainable Cities Award</b>	Portuguese Sustainable Cities Network	2003	First prize	Feature story on indoor pollution
<b>Sustainable Cities Award</b>	Portuguese Sustainable Cities Network	2002	Runner up	Article on dioxins in the air in Oporto
<b>Environment National Award</b>	Sinergia Communication Agency	1994	Runner-up	Feature story on environmental problems in Lisbon
<b>Terra Mãe Award</b>	Oporto Journalists Club	1991	First prize	Investigative report on illegal imports of hazardous waste from Switzerland
<b>Best Story on Health and Smoking Award</b>	Ministry of Health and Environment State Department	1989	First prize	Feature story on the anti-smoking trend in Portugal and Europe

## Journalism awards (infographics)

*As co-author alongside with graphic designers and developers*

ÑH: 2015

[Bronze: Water prices rankings](#)

Society of News Design 2015

[Award of Excellence: Schools rankings 2014](#)

ÑH: 2014

[Silver: 80 years of summer](#)

Malofiej 2012

[Silver: 7 billion people](#)

[Silver: Tagus estuary pollution](#)

ÑH: 2011

[Runner-up: 7 billion people](#)

ÑH: 2009

[Silver: Where does the light come from](#)

[Silver: The CO2 world map](#)

Malofiej 2008

[Bronze: Heatwaves in Portugal](#)

## Books

Garcia, R. (2012), *Nós no Mundo: a sustentabilidade no dia-a-dia*, Ed. Papiro, Porto (a selection of chronicles on sustainability in everyday life). [cover](#)

Garcia, R. (2004), *Sobre a Terra: um guia para quem lê e escreve sobre ambiente*, Público, Lisboa, 2nd ed.: 2006 (a handbook on environmental issues for journalists, teachers, students and the general public). [cover](#)

## Chapter in books/other publications

Garcia, R. (2010), “Os carros eléctricos vêm para ficar”, *Janus 2010*, Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa/Público, Lisbon, 2010, pp. 82-83. [pdf](#)

Garcia, R. (2010), “O lento renascimento do nuclear”, *Janus 2010*, Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa/Público, Lisbon, 2010, pp. 78-79. [pdf](#)

Garcia, R. (2002), “Avanços e recuos nos tratados internacionais de ambiente”, *Janus 2002*, Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa/Público, Lisbon, 2002, pp. 44-45. [url](#)

Garcia, R. (2000), *What is different about green news? A reflection on environmental reporting*, Reuters Foundation Paper 148, Oxford, Green College, 2000. ([pdf](#))

Garcia, R. (1990), “Domingo”, in *Antologia DN Jovem* [short stories], 1990, pp. 345-251

## Short courses/workshops/media forums attended

*Train the trainers course*, Thomson Reuters Foundation, London (2015)

*9th ASEF Journalists’ Colloquium on Media and the Green Agenda*, Asia Europe Foundation, New Delhi, India (2013)

*Multimedia training course*, Cenjor, Lisbon, Portugal (2010)

*Deutsche-Welle Global Media Forum on climate change*, Bonn, Germany (2010)

*EU-external cooperation in action: special focus on climate change workshop*, European Journalism Centre, Brussels, Belgium (2009)

*International Media Forum on Nature Conservation*, Greenaccord association, Rome (2007, 2005) and Rapolano (2003), Italy

*Brazilian Environmental Journalism Conference*, Santos (2006) and São Paulo (2015), Brazil

*Medical Evidence Boot Camp*, Knight Science Journalism Fellowships, MIT, Cambridge, USA (2002)

*Earth Dialogues*, Green Cross International e Earth Council Foundation,, Lyon , France (2002)

*Wetlands Workshop*, Loyola University Center for Environmental Communications, New Orleans, USA (2000)

*Society of Environmental Journalists annual conferences*, Chattanooga (1998), Los Angeles (1999) and East Lansing (2000), USA

*Eicos Initiative for Communicators of Science – Hands-on Laboratory, Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Alemanha (1999).*

## Languages

Portuguese: mother tongue

Other Languages	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	C2	C2	C1	C1
Spanish	C2	C2	C1	A2
French	C1	C1	B2	A1
Italian	B1	B1	A1	-

## IT skills

Competent user of MS Word, Access and Power Point

Advanced user of Excel

Competent user of image and sound software (Photoshop, Movie Maker, Premiere, Soundforge, Ableton Live)

Familiarity with editing and illustration software (Illustrator, InDesign, Quark)

Familiarity with programming

CMS regular user

Basic HTML, CSS and JavaScript

Familiarity with JS libraries, such as D3

## Hobbies

Woodwork, guitar and harmonica playing, home studio recording, flight simulators