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## Biography

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For more than a decade, Dr. Garcia worked as a consultant for multinational organizations, leading and managing engineering projects in more than 25 countries. These overseas experiences inspired him to further his education in comparative education and sustainable development. Dr. Garcia's doctoral dissertation was focused on education for sustainable development in universities in Costa Rica and its economic implications in the Latin American region.

In 2011, Dr. Garcia joined the Earth Institute at Columbia University as a Research Intern Associate to develop new graduate certifications in metrics for sustainable development, sustainable water management, and climate change adaptation and mitigation. As a Teaching Assistant at Columbia University, Dr. Garcia taught graduate classes in Sustainable Water Management. He also assisted the New York City Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability with a study about insurance, climate change adaptation, and flood resilience in New York City. Presently, Dr. Garcia is working on a paper about energy policies and sustainable water management in India and teaches online classes in water rights and global sustainability at UCLA. Dr. Garcia holds a Doctoral degree in Educational Technology, a Master of Science degree in Sustainability Management, and an undergraduate degree in Engineering.