



Dr Nicolas Salazar Sutil

Founder and Director

Summary

Highly experienced health, environmental, sustainability and policy expert with proven track-record of working in academic and NGO sectors. Main areas of expertise are climate and planetary health, forest and water systems, land tenure & governance. Regional expertise in Central-West Africa, South America and Mediterranean (Iberian peninsula). Executive Director of Guardians Worldwide (GWW), Director of Guardians UK (Charity), Co-Director GWW-Africa.

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Qualifications

PhD in Environmental Cultural Studies, Goldsmiths College, University of London
MA in Research, Royal Holloway, University of London
BA (Hons) Movement Psychology, Central St Martin's School of Arts and Design

Work experience

Academic sector

Guest Lecturer in Ethics

15-03-21 to present

LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

Guest lecturer at the Ethics, Public Health and Human Rights module convened by Harriet Ruysen, Mahesh Mathpati, John Porter

Professor in Transformational Practices

01-10-16 to 30-08-21

SCHOOL OF CULTURAL INDUSTRIES, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Bid writing, lecturing, research, administrative duties (admission officer), project management, line management

Lecturer in Environmental Cultural Studies

01-10-11 to 30-08-16

UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

Bid writing, lecturing, research, administrative duties (admission officer), project management

Research Assistant

01-10-08 to 30-08-09

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Research (lit review, methodology development and data collection) as part of A *Topological Approach to Culture Dynamics* AHRC-funded project (PI Mihal Zervos)

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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Skills

Environmental

Data analysis

Research: qual and quant

Project management

Commissioning

Bid writing

Mentoring

Facilitation

Technical Writing

Teaching

Proofreading

Graphic design

Languages

Typesetting

Cultures

Regional expertise

Awards

Peckham Settlement award

Lush charity award

Ignite Award, University of Leeds

Development Award, Global Challenges
Research Fund

Creative Research Award, University of Surrey

Academica Award, Chile

Memberships

Fellow Higher Education Academy
Reviewer EPSRC
UNESCO Art Lab

Hobbies

Music, Travel, Reading, Writing (fiction)

Languages

Native	English
Native	Spanish
Advanced	Portuguese

IT

Microsoft (Word, Excel, PPT),
Adobe, Teams, Zoom, DAM
(Filecamp), Slack, Hootsuite
(social media), Google docs,
Wix, Canva, Final Cut Pro, Da
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Regional expertise

I have experience of living, working
or conducting research / managing
projects in the following countries:

Europe & UK	UK, Spain and Portugal
Central-West Africa	Lake Chad basin Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria
East Africa	Kenya
South America	Chile, Peru, Colombia, Brazil
Mesoamerica	Mexico
Australia and Pacific	Australia, Vanuatu, Rapa Nui

Work experience (cont.)

NGOS/ Charity sector

Founder and director

09-01-2021 to present
GUARDIANS WORLDWIDE | GUARDIANS UK

GWG is a consultancy, research organisation and project development group devoted to environmental services, capacity building and regional carbon project development. GUK is a charity devoted to forest protection and community work based in the UK. I direct both these organisations. I am responsible for bid writing, project management, line management, admin, finances and communications.

Chief Editor

01-10-22 to 30-10-24
MINORITY RIGHTS GROUP
London, Budapest, Kampala

Responsible for writing web and thematic contents, donor reports, policy papers, World Atlas on Minorities, Trend reports, commissioning, and data analysis.

Senior Editor

01-10- 20 to 30-08-21
THE TENURE FACILITY
Stockholm

International NGO dedicated to securing land rights for Indigenous people. My job involved content development, social media, research and writing, especialising in the following countries: Mozambique, Kenya, Colombia and Panama.

Publishing sector

Environmental Media Consultant

02-01-2021 to 02-01-2022
CLIMATE OUTREACH
Oxford

Research (qualitative and quantitative) on news media representation of Indigenous people in mainstream media coverage of environmental news, stakeholder mapping, interviews, client engagement

Environmental Media Consultant

01-10-2020 to 30-09-2021
CLIMATE AND LAND USE ALLIANCE
San Francisco, CA

International news media stakeholder mapping, data gathering and visual research (photography) on representation of indigenous people and forest protection in tropical rainforests in Central and South America

Sales Executive

01/03/2000- 01/03/2001
BOSTON HANNA PUBLISHERS
London

Responsible for selling advertising space for hotel and travel magazines.

Funding obtained

Project name	Funder	Project Role		Budget GBP	End date
		Research	Grant		
Demonstrator Call	Ecolise		Manager	14K	Pending
Restoring Mosaic Habitats	Velux Stiftung Foundation		Manager	300K	Pending
Woods on Wheels	Southwark Council		Manager	20K	Pending
Guardioes de Penamacor	Oak Foundation		Manager	10K	Pending
Guardians of Pacatuba: Indigenous reforestation	Peckham Settlement		Manager	50K	Ongoing
Angel Tree of Peckham	EA Foundation		Manager	500	06/25
Guardians of the Great North Wood	Lottery Heritage Fund		Manager	10K	03/25
Treemoot International Festival	Arts Council England		Manager	30K	08/24
Black History Month: African Tree Tales	Southwark Council		Manager	1.5K	08/24
Climate Hackathon: Soundwood	Leeds Conservatoire	PI		3.5K	06/24
Emergency Fund Kenya: Guardians of Mau Forest	Environmental Networks Fund		Manager	7.5K	05/24
Contested Territories	National Lottery	Co-I		2.1 M	04/21
Unheard Daughters Survivor Group	EU/Marie Curie	PI		60K	01/21
Network Plus Development Grant	GCRF /AHRC	PI		250K	07/20
Gender equity in Lake Chad refugee camps	GCRF/AHRC	PI		30K	05/20
Rights of Rivers Agenda in India, Nigeria, UK	Language Acts	Co-I		2K	03/19
Sumak Kausay: Alternative Development	AHRC	PI		30K	09/18
Social Choreography Network (Lake Chad)	AHRC	PI		30K	05/16
IAS Conference Award	Institute Advanced Studies	PI		5K	04/16
MILES Research Fund	University of Surrey	RA		12K	02/15
Santander Mobility Fund	Santander	PI		1K	03/13
A Topological Approach to Culture Dynamics	EPSRC	RA		250K	04/12

Course Design and Delivery

- 2025:** [Extinction and Recovery: Intercultural online course on climate change ecology](#) (upcoming)
- 2024:** [The Healing: Planetary Health in times of climate crisis](#) (105 registered participants)
- 2023:** [The Giving: transformational course on food consciousness with Vandana Shiva](#) (194 registered participants)
- 2022:** [Guardians of the River](#), now on demand with Advaya Media (205 registered participants)
- 2021:** Follow the Land: transformational course on land consciousness (59 registered participants)
- 2021:** Laban Movement Research (45 registered participants)
- 2020:** [Guardians of the Forest](#), now on demand with Advaya Media (530 registered participants)

Selected publications

BOOKS

Salazar Sutil, N. (2018) *Matter and Transmission: a study in paleocybernetics*, New York: Bloomsbury.

Salazar Sutil, N (2015) *Motion and Representation: the language of human movement*. MIT Press.

EDITED VOLUMES

- (2023) [Focus on Water: Minority and Indigenous People's Key Trends Report](#), with Carl Soderbergh, Minority Rights Group.
- (2017) [Turning Animal](#), special issue of *Performance Research* 22:2.

INTERVIEWS

[Nic Salazar and Tawana Kariri Xoco in conversation](#), *Urban Tree Festival*, May 2024.

[There is no food without forests; there is not forest without collective indigenous rights](#) Nic Salazar and Vandana Shiva, Feb 2023

[Placing trees and indigenous knowledge at the centre of future healing](#), *Mongabay* March 2021

[Guardians of the Forest](#), *Bauman Institute*, March 2021

[Nicolas Salazar Sutil has a new perspective on climate change](#), in *La Voz de Chile*, March 2021

[Finding Creative solutions to conflict in Lake Chad](#), *University of Leeds*, March 2020

PODCASTS

[What can forests teach us?](#) With Nicolas Salazar Sutil, *Latitude Adjustments*, Chapter 78, April 30, 2021

[What is Boko Haram?](#) With Nicolas Salazar Sutil and Mercy Ette, *Latitude Adjustments* Chapter 81, June 14, 2021

[The Future of the Arts and Humanities](#), with Nicolas Salazar Sutil and Emma Tommalin, *Arts and Humanities Future*, 5 May, 2021.

[A Chi'xi World is Possible](#) translation of Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui's book, available on *Spotify*, Feb 2022

RADIO SELECTED

[The UK Sewage Crisis](#) Nicolas Salazar Sutil with Dominic Powlesland, *Resonance FM 104.4* 19th April, 2023

[Rights of Yamuna River](#), Nicolas Salazar Sutil with Shivani Singhal *Resonance FM 104.4*, 4th May, 2020

[The Delicateness of Water](#), Nicolas Salazar Sutil 30th October, 2020, *Resonance FM 104.4*

[Jakara River and the Rights of Maguzawa people](#), Nicolas Salazar Sutil with Kamilu Hamza, *Resonance FM 104.4* 28

[The River's Voice: songs from the Opara River](#). Nicolas Salazar Sutil with Sebastian Gerlic, Thea Pitman and Tawana Fulkaxo, *Resonance FM 104.4*, April 20, 2020

SELECTED ONLINE ARTICLES

Salazar Sutil, N (2025) A Carbon Future for Ukraine? The Role of the Carbon Industry in Post-War Reconstruction and Green Transformation. Published by *UA Consulting*. Available at: <https://uaconsulting.eu/2025/06/19/ukraine-carbon-market-2025-green-recovery/>

Salazar Sutil, N (2022) Indigenous-led campaign defends the rights of uncontacted peoples in Peru. Published by *International Tenure Facility*. Available at: <https://thetenurefacility.org/article/indigenous-led-campaign-defends-the-rights-of-uncontacted-peoples-in-peru/>

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Salazar Sutil, N (2021) “We do not want payment— we want funds to guarantee our rights”: conversation with Tuntiak Katan, General Coordinator of the Global Alliance of Territorial Communities (GATC), published by *International Tenure Facility*. Available at: <https://thetenurefacility.org/article/we-do-not-want-payment-we-want-funds-to-guarantee-our-rights-tuntiak-katan-in-conversation-with-tenure-facility/>

Salazar Sutil, N (2020) Indigenous people in Panama: “It is not enough to secure land rights on paper— government needs to certify and support practical implementation of Indigenous land rights on the ground.” published by *International Tenure Facility*. Available at: <https://thetenurefacility.org/article/it-is-not-enough-to-secure-land-rights-on-paper-government-needs-to-certify-and-support-practical-implementation-of-indigenous-land-rights-on-the-ground/>

Salazar Sutil, N (2020) A “strength-based” approach to Indigenous land tenure. Published by *International Tenure Facility*. Available at: <https://thetenurefacility.org/article/akawaio-people-win-historic-case-against-guyana-government-to-secure-tenure-over-ancestral-lands/>

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Salazar Sutil, N (2021) [“We do not want payment, we want funds to guarantee our rights”: conversation with Tuntiak Katan](#), published by *Tenure Facility*.

Salazar Sutil, N (2019) [“Dance for your Life: refugees and social reintegration in Central Africa”](#), Platforma Arts + Refugees

Salazar Sutil, N (2019) [Guardians of the Ganga](#), with Rajendra Singh, published by Guardians Worldwide.

SELECTED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Salazar Sutil, N. Cohen J., Martin-Ortega J and Dannreuther C. (2023) 'Riverkin: seizing the moment to remake vital relations in the UK and beyond' In *People and Nature* 5: 6 (December) pp.1877-1892.

Salazar Sutil, N (2019) 'When I grow up I want to be Indigenous' In *Performance Research* 24:6 (May 2019) London: Routledge.

Salazar Sutil, N. (2007) What's in Your Wardrobe, Mr.Morales? A Study in Indigenous Politics and Dress. In *Popular Communication*, 7 (2). pp. 63-78.

Salazar Sutil, N. (2005) 'Maradona Inc: Politics off the Pitch.' In John Hartley (ed.) *International Journal of Cultural Studies* Vol. 11, No. 4(January) London: SAGE.

EDITED POLICY REPORTS

Salazar Sutil, N (2020) Annual Report Tenure Facility : Colombia PCN, Mozambique and Panama entries. Published by Tenure Facility. Available at : <https://view.publitas.com/the-tenure-facility/the-tenure-facility-tenurefacility-annual-report-2021-web-02/page/1>

Salazar Sutil, N (2020) Indigenous Media Presence Full CLUA report. Published by *Climate Outreach*. Available at: <https://climateoutreach.org/content/uploads/2021/09/Indigenous-Media-Presence-1.pdf>

Salazar Sutil, N (2020) [Eight Principles for Indigenous Media Presence: Recommendations for international media makers, producers and distributors who wish to work with and for indigenous communities around issues of land use and climate change](#). Published by Climate Outreach.

Salazar Sutil, N (2019) Un Pas en Avant: Concrete pedagogies in UNHCR Refugee Camps (Dar es Salaam, Gore and Gondjé). GCRF funded.

Salazar Sutil, N (2018) [Coventry Welcomes: Project Evaluation](#). Presented to Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre. Funded by AHRC Social Choreography network.

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