

**With an education based on values, our habits improve. With an ethic of caring towards nature, we are able to transform our lifestyle for the better—Luciana Ferraz**



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### Philosophy for the environment

For many decades, *Luciana Marques de Souza Ferraz* has been exploring the connection between mind and matter and how our care towards nature is based on a relationship of love, respect and reverence for all forms of life. Her special interest in social issues and the environment has called her to participate in international conferences in these arenas. She is also a member of several forums for interreligious dialogue such as the *United Religion Initiative* (URI).

As a member of the *Brahma Kumaris* international delegation, she has participated in various United Nations conferences: youth (New York, 1985), UNCED (Prepcon in Geneva and Conference on Environment and Development, Rio 1992), women (New York, 2000), WCAR (World Conference against Racism, Durban 2001), UNFCCC (Climate Change Conference, Cancun 2010), and the Environment Summit Rio + 20 (Rio, 2012).

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***The Greek word 'oikos' (from which the word 'ecology' is derived) means 'house'. We have five houses: the first house is our mind, which generates thoughts and feelings. Then there is the body; which is the temple of the spirit, followed by the home where family interaction takes place. After that there is Earth, the stage for the human family to perform, while the fifth house is the universe, our bigger home where our planet is located. A profound and lasting balance between all these houses starts with the transformation of our consciousness and so a change in our attitudes.***

### Academic & Professional Life

Sociologist *Luciana Marques de Souza Ferraz* has broad international experience training individuals seeking to improve their life. Across India, USA, Europe, Latin America and Angola, she has lectured about human values, integral health, positive consciousness and meditation. In Brazil, she coordinated three international projects – *The Million Minutes of Peace Appeal*, *Global Co-operation for a Better World*, and *Sharing Our Values for a Better World* and was active in the UNESCO Project *Towards a Culture of Peace (Manifesto 2000)*.



Presently Luciana is the national coordinator for the *Brahma Kumaris* in Brazil, an international non-governmental organization that seeks to help individuals re-discover and strengthen their inherent worth in order to create a better world for all.