Participatory development has a long and varied history in the Global South. In recent years, Dr. Pugh along with his colleague Kevin Grove, have been introducing assemblage theory into these debates. This lecture examines participation as assemblage in the Caribbean. The Caribbean has recently received much attention in the media because of its exposure to environmental risks and associated calls for greater resilience. By way of a 20 year case study of participatory development in seven Caribbean islands, this lecture puts the idea of participation as assemblage to use to explore the challenges and opportunities.