

Dr Jonathan Pugh

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

2007 – Senior Academic Fellow in Territorial Governance; University of Newcastle, UK.

OTHER PRESENT POSITIONS

2008 – Honorary Fellow of the Centre for the Study of Democracy; University of Westminster.

2005 – Member of 'The Great Debate' Newcastle public debating programme.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND EDUCATION

2004 – 2014 Director 'The Spaces of Democracy' network (co-founded with Doreen Massey and Chantal Mouffe).

2003 – 2005 Director of the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office Caribbean regional programme 'Developing Institutional Capital in the Fisherfolk Communities of the Caribbean'

2005-2010. United Kingdom Research Council's Fellowship in Territorial Governance (EP/C509005/1).

2002 – 2004. Economic and Social Research Council Research Fellowship, Royal Holloway, University of London/Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster. 'Developing Institutional Capital in the Neo-Liberal Era: Caribbean Environmental Planning'. (ESRC: R00271204. Graded 'Outstanding')

1998-2001. Royal Holloway, University of London PhD (ESRC studentship: R00429834850). 'Deconstructing Participatory Environmental Planning: Dispositions of Power in Barbados and St Lucia.'

KEY RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Small Islands and Archipelagos**
- **Contemporary Caribbean Development**
- **Participatory development**
- **Changing nature of radical politics today**

Jonathan's main area of research is **islands and archipelagos**. He is particularly noted for his development of what has come to be known as the 'relational turn' in island studies, exploring the relational characteristics that disrupt insular island geographies. To this end, Jonathan has produced a number of influential publications and recently started work on a monograph that both explores the characteristics of the relational turn and how this can now be extended into new directions.

In addition to this interest in **islands and archipelagos**, Jonathan has also been involved in a range of practical and transformative participatory programmes in the **Caribbean**. For example, co-initiating a seven-country programme employing 128 Caribbean fisherpeople funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office to stimulate the development of fishing community networks across the eastern Caribbean archipelago. Drawing upon such practical programmes, Jonathan has published a number of theoretical critiques of **participatory development** (*Environment and Planning D: society and space*, *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers/Royal Geographical Society*; *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*; *Progress in Human Geography*; *Antipode*; *Area*; *Geoforum*; *Geography Compass*, for examples).

Such concerns often intersect with Jonathan's interest in **the changing nature of radical politics today**. In 2004 Jonathan launched the 'Spaces of Democracy' network with Chantal Mouffe and Doreen Massey. Illustrative of strong impact and engagement, the network ran until 2014 and involved 17 institutions worldwide and examined the changing character of radical politics today. Throughout this time Jonathan launched and then became editor of the online magazine *Radical Politics Today*. In 2009 Jonathan edited the book 'What is Radical Politics Today?', which was covered in a range of outlets (see below) and launched by the British Council at Canada House, Trafalgar Square.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Pugh, J (monograph in progress) *Relationality and Islands*.

Pugh, J. A phenomenology of archipelagos: from thinking with to within the archipelago. Chapter accepted for 'Anthology: Archipelagic Thinking: Towards New Comparative Methodologies and Disciplinary Formations'. Editors: Michelle Stephens and Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel

Grove K, Pugh J. Adaptation Machines or the biopolitics of adaptation. Chapter accepted for: Lawrence, J; Bohland, J; Davoudi, S; Knox, P, ed. *The Resilience Machine*

Pugh J and Grove, K. *Assemblage, Transverality and Participation in the Neoliberal University*, *EPD: society and space*, 2017, 35, 6, 1134–1152.