All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days?

- Previous research on subjective well-being (i.e. happiness and life satisfaction) has identified numerous determinants of higher life satisfaction. For example:
  - Good health
  - Very young or very old age
  - Income (especially relative income, decreasing marginal utility)
  - Marriage
  - Having a job
  - Social Capital (networks, interpersonal trust, civic engagement)

- But I argue that sociological theory gives reasons to assume that social capital is correlated with life satisfaction in different ways for certain societal groups.

- Some examples from my PhD: Social capital and life satisfaction by...

  - Gender
  - Gender and parental status
  - Age

→ The social context of well-being varies between subgroups of society. E.g.:
  - Socialising more strongly correlated with life satisfaction among women.
  - For mothers, civic engagement is not associated with higher well-being.

Data: European Social Survey 2006, UK (N = 2394)