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## **Stellingen**

Propositions to accompany the dissertation

Social Science Genetics and Fertility

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1. Individual genetic differences are associated with individual differences in fertility behaviour within a population (all Chapters).
2. So called 'missing heritability' may not be 'missing', but hiding (Chapter 4).
3. The educational expansion in the second half of the 20th century does not explain the simultaneously rising fertility postponement (Chapter 5).
4. Humans are still evolving (Chapter 3).
5. Genetic influences on fertility can vary across environments (Chapters 2 & 4).
6. The environment is more important than genes for individual differences in human fertility (all Chapters).
7. Genetics needs social sciences more than social sciences need genetics.
8. While the natural sciences are usually referred to as the 'hard sciences', it is much harder to study social behaviour of humans.
9. Even if the UK leaves the EU, the EU is still very much inside Britain—genetically.