Individuals who acquire a disability experience a large deterioration in their mental health, however, the extent of the deterioration varies greatly. My thesis aims to form a better understanding of how the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age influence the effect of disability acquisition on mental health, by identifying demographic and socioeconomic factors that modify and mediate the effect of disability acquisition on mental health.

This will enable me to (1) identify subgroups that are particularly vulnerable to poor mental health, and (2) disentangle the causal pathways linking disability and mental health.

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