

# COMPASSS NEWSLETTER

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### COMPARative Methods for Systematic cross-case analysis

<http://www.compass.org>

#### **Main items:**

1. Fully upgraded web site
2. Re-organization of the COMPASSS management
3. New COMPASSS working papers
4. Software reviews – 6 software programmes now available

#### **--1. Fully upgraded web site**

See: <http://www.compass.org/index.htm> ... and all the pages around there!

In April 2012, the COMPASSS web site has been fully re-launched, with a new layout, revised structure, a more complete set of resources, major updates, etc. The new webmaster is Alrik Thiem.

In particular: what can be found on the new site, apart from some regular information on events, training, useful links, previous newsletters etc.:

- a new “books” section - <http://www.compass.org/books.htm> - with different sub-groups of QCA-related volumes.
- a modernized Working Papers series - <http://www.compass.org/wpseries.htm> - with a new search function. In view of the growing number of paper submissions the editorial committee of the WP series has recently been expanded.
- a fully revised & updated Bibliographical database - <http://www.compass.org/bibdata.htm> - with a new search function as well as access to many abstracts, some full-text versions, + linked datasets when available.

#### **--2. Re-organization of the COMPASSS management**

See: <http://www.compass.org/people.htm>

From April 2012 onwards, the COMPASSS management has been simplified, with on the one hand a **Management Team** that manages COMPASSS on a daily basis and ensures the overall coherence of the COMPASSS website, and on the other hand a broader **Advisory board**.

### --3. New COMPASSS Working Papers

See: <http://www.compassss.org/wpseries.htm>

Koole, Karin and Barbara Vis. 2012. "Working Mothers and the State: Under Which Conditions do Governments Spend Much on Maternal Employment Supporting Policies?". COMPASSS Working Paper 2012-71. Published online 19 June 2012. Direct download at <http://www.compassss.org/wpseries/KooleVis2012.pdf>

Pattyn, Valérie. 2012. "Why Organizations (do not) evaluate: A Search for Necessary and Sufficient Conditions". COMPASSS Working Paper 2012-70. Published online 8 May 2012. Direct download at <http://www.compassss.org/wpseries/Pattyn2012.pdf>

Fischer, Manuel. 2012. "Dominance or Challenge? An Explanation of Power Structures among Coalitions in Swiss Decision-Making Processes". COMPASSS Working Paper 2012-69. Published online 26 April 2012. Direct download at <http://www.compassss.org/wpseries/Fischer2012.pdf>

### --4. Software reviews – 6 software programmes now available

See: <http://www.compassss.org/software.htm> .

This fully revised page presents the 6 software programmes that now enable one to perform different variants of QCA, and discusses the main advantages and disadvantages of each.

On behalf of the whole COMPASSS Management Team (see composition at: <http://www.compassss.org/people.htm> ),

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