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--1. QCA training

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

In chronological order [NB several new training events have been added]:

- Singapore, 30 June – 11 July 2014 (IPSA-NUS Summer School): **Qualitative Comparative Analysis**, Dirk Berg-Schlusser
- Manchester (UK), 7 July - 11 July 2014 (Manchester Summer School): **Integrated Mixed-Methods Research Including QCA**, Wendy Olsen & Stephanie Thomson
- Montréal (Canada), 19 July 2014 (IPSA Conference short course): **QCA and Fuzzy Sets**, Damien Bol
- Ljubljana (Slovenia), 28 July – 8 August 2014 (ECPR Summer School): **Set-Theoretic Methods: Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Related Approaches**, Patrick A. Mello & Carsten Schneider [course almost fully booked]
- Washington DC (USA), 27 August 2014 (APSA meeting short course): **Set-theoretic Multi-method Research: Principles, Practice, and Software Implementation**, Ingo Rohlfing
- Washington DC (USA), 27 August 2014 (APSA meeting short course): **Detecting Causal Relationships in Complex Social Science Data - What is Wrong with Statistics?**, Kathy Dopp
- Berne (Switzerland), 26 - 28 November 2014: **Introduction into Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)**, Fritz Sager & Eva Thomann

- Bamberg (Germany), 16 – 20 February 2015 (ECPR Winter School): **Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider

--2. New COMPASSS working paper

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

A new Working Paper has been recently published:

- Grassi, Davide and Francesca Luppi. 2014. "**Do We Live Longer and Healthier Lives under Democracy? A Configurational Comparative Analysis of Latin America**". *COMPASSS WP Series 2014-78*. Published online 4 April 2014.

If you would like to publish in the COMPASSS WP Series, please send your paper by e-mail to the Managing Editor, Claude Rubinson (full instructions through the URL above).

--3. Events and calls for papers

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

In chronological order:

- Rotterdam (Netherlands), 3-5 July 2014: 30th EGOS Colloquium: subtheme on **The Challenge of Configuration: Bridging Perspectives and Methodologies** [deadline for submission of short paper has passed]
- Montreal (Canada), 19-24 July 2014: 23rd IPSA World Congress: panel on **Combining Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Case Studies in Mixed-Methods Designs** [deadline for submission of abstract/paper has passed]
- Washington D.C. (USA), 28-31 Aug 2014: APSA 2014 Annual Meeting, **APSA Organized Section on Qualitative Methods and Multi-Method Research** [deadline for submission of abstract/paper has passed]
- Trier (Germany), 6-10 October 2014: 37. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie: group on **Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA): Perspektiven für die soziologische Forschung** [deadline for submission of abstract/paper has passed]

--4. Software news

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

- Several updates in QCA in R. Latest update: **QCA 1.1-3** has been released, which includes three new data sets, fixes some minor bugs, and includes a number of minor improvements to some function arguments and the documentation.
- New software version: **Kirq 2.1.12** has been released, which fixes several bugs in the previous version.

--5. Publications

See: <http://www.compass.org/index.htm> and <http://www.compass.org/books.htm>

Several methodological contributions recently published: (1) "A Coincidence Analysis of a Causal Chain: The Swiss Minaret Vote" by Michael Baumgartner and Ruedi Epple in [Sociological Methods & Research 43\(2\)](#); (2) "Unifying Configurational Comparative Methods: Generalized-Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis" by Alrik Thiem in [Sociological Methods & Research 43\(2\)](#); & (3) four

contributions in *Quality & Quantity* online-first: "[Contextual Analyses with QCA-Methods](#)" by Thomas Denk and Sarah Lehtinen; "[But not Both: The Exclusive Disjunction in Qualitative Comparative Analysis \(QCA\)](#)" by Ursula Hackett; "[Parameters of Fit and Intermediate Solutions in Multi-Value Qualitative Comparative Analysis](#)" by Alrik Thiem and "[Parsimony and Causality](#)" by Michael Baumgartner.

--6. Call for chapters (edited volume)

For a volume on "**Configurational Analysis in Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology Research**" to be published with Springer as part of the FGF Studies in Small Business and Entrepreneurship series (<http://www.springer.com/series/13382>); it will be edited by Andreas Kuckertz and Elisabeth Berger, University of Hohenheim, Germany.

This volume aims at providing a forum for the discussion of the configurational approach in the context of entrepreneurship, innovation and technology and also at developing to be a standard reference in the rising field of the application and advancement of the configurational approach. We invite papers with different theoretical concepts and methods, in order to assemble a rich, vibrant and multi-faceted collection of studies following a configurational approach and bringing together diverse perspectives. Theoretical contributions will be considered as well as empirical papers. Apart from configurational methods such as qualitative comparative analysis and cluster analysis, we also welcome adjacent methods capturing complexity.

Recommended Topics include, but are not limited to: Applications of configurational methods and theory in entrepreneurship, innovation and technology research; Evaluation of configurational methods in the context of entrepreneurship, innovation and technology; Trends and challenges in the application of QCA; Large N QCA analysis in entrepreneurship, innovation and technology research; Cluster Analysis; MSDO/MDSO; Dealing with complexity and contingency in entrepreneurship, innovation and technology; Multidimensional factors of influence on entrepreneurship, innovation and technology and challenges for policy makers following from these influences; Cross-country, comparative, multi-effect studies.

Submission Procedure: Researchers are invited to submit on or before **October 30, 2014**, a 2-3 page chapter proposal clearly explaining the mission and concerns of his or her proposed chapter. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by November 30, 2014 about the status of their proposals and sent chapter guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by March 30, 2015. All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers for this project.

Inquiries and submissions can be forwarded electronically (Word document) or by mail to Prof. Dr. Andreas Kuckertz, University of Hohenheim, andreas.kuckertz@uni-hohenheim.de

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