

COMPASSS NEWSLETTER

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--1. QCA training

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

In chronological order [training still accessible]:

- Tucson (USA), 8 – 10 January 2015 (5th Arizona Methods Workshops): **Qualitative Comparative Analysis**, Claude Rubinson
- Tilburg (Netherlands), 14 – 15 January 2015: **Introductory Workshop to QCA**, Jonas Buche and Markus Siewert (*prior to the Tilburg International Conference – see 'events'*)
- Bamberg (Germany), 16 – 20 February 2015 (4th ECPR Winter School in Methods and techniques): **Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider
- Bamberg (Germany), 16 – 20 February 2015 (4th ECPR Winter School in Methods and techniques): **Comparative Research Designs** (*contains an introductory QCA module*), Benoît Rihoux
- Bamberg (Germany), 16 – 20 February 2015 (4th ECPR Winter School in Methods and techniques): **Advanced Multi-Method Research** (*comprises QCA*), Ingo Rohlfing

--2. Events and calls for papers

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

- Tilburg (Netherlands), 15 – 16 January 2014: **International Conference on ‘ Qualitative Comparative Analysis - Social Science Applications and Methodological Challenges’** [deadline for accepted papers: 31 Dec 2014]
- Valencia (Spain), 13 – 16 July 2015 (5th Global Innovation and Knowledge Academy (GIKA) Conference and the *Journal of Business Research*): special issue on **Qualitative Comparative Analysis (Crisp and Fuzzy Set) in Business and Management** [deadline for full papers: 28 February 2015]

--3. Software news

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

- New software! For Coincidence Analysis (CNA) - a configurational comparative method closely related to QCA, the package **cna 1.0-0** for the R environment has just been released. More details and screenshots will follow soon on COMPASSS. Infos through <http://www.compass.org/index.htm> (news items)

--4. Publications

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

- Book out (QCA application): *Democratic Participation in Armed Conflict: Military Involvement in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq* (Patrick Mello, 2014, Palgrave MacMillan)
- A new category ‘**evaluation**’ has been added in the COMPASSS bibliographical database
- Symposium on "**Qualitative Comparative Analysis in Critical Perspective**" by Samuel R. Lucas and Alisa Szatrowski published in *Sociological Methodology* 44(1), with comments by Jake Bowers, David Collier, Peer Fiss, Axel Marx, Wendy Olsen, Charles Ragin, Benoît Rihoux, Jason Seawright and Stephen Vaisey.

--5. New Facebook Group

From Wendy Olsen (Wendy.Olsen@manchester.ac.uk): a **new Facebook Group** aims to allow public discussion of mixed methods controversies, including QCA and fsQCA: **Integrated Mixed Methods Network**. The group arises from the Deep Linkage Project funded by the British Academy 2014-2017. The international network aims to encourage deep linkages of verbatim qualitative data, analytical methods and systematically recorded data such as tables (QCA) or factors (LFA). The network brings together scholars who come from the statistical side and from the QCA and qualitative areas. The applied area is broadly labour studies, including time-use data. We hold events in four countries India, Bangladesh, Germany and United Kingdom over a 3-year period 2014-2017. You can post anything such as diagrams, questions, event dates/times, and comments into the Facebook group's area. So far moderation was not needed so your comment goes up immediately. We'll see what happens! The proper title of the Grant is: "Innovation in Global Labour Research Using Deep Linkage and Mixed Methods" and it's held at the University of Manchester.

--6. COMPASSS management team

- Samuel Defacqz (FNRS junior fellow, Université catholique de Louvain) has taken over the role of Valérie (KU Leuven) for the management of the COMPASSS address database. Many thanks to Valérie for the job done, on behalf of the whole COMPASSS network!
- Some members of the COMPASSS management team and advisory board will meet on 6 November to discuss further developments for COMPASSS. Ideas welcome (please e-mail benoit.rihoux@uclouvain.be and alrik.thiem@unige.ch). Helping hands always welcome as well!

On behalf of the whole COMPASSS management team (see composition at: <http://www.compasss.org/people.htm>),

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