

# COMPASSS NEWSLETTER

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## **--1. QCA training**

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

In chronological order:

- Berkeley (USA), 2-3 October 2015: **Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy-Set Analysis Workshop**, Steven Vaisey
- Geneva (Switzerland), 2 - 6 November 2015: **Configurational Research with QCA and CNA**, Michael Baumgartner and Alrik Thiem [[waiting list](#)]
- Cape Town (South Africa), 23 November - 4 December 2015 (IPSA Summer School): **Comparative Research Designs and Comparative Methods**, Dirk Berg-Schlosser [[registration deadline: 15 October](#)]
- Rotterdam (Netherlands), 25-26 November 2015: **Necessary Condition Analysis with NCA**, Jan Dul [[registration deadline: 4 November](#)]
- Tucson (USA), 7-9 January 2016: **Qualitative Comparative Analysis Workshop**, Claude Rubinson
- Sao Paolo (Brazil), 26-29 January 2016 (IPSA Summer School): **Module 1: Basics of Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider [[application deadline: 4 October](#)]
- Sao Paolo (Brazil), 1-5 February 2016 (IPSA Summer School): **Module 2: Advanced Issues in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider [[application deadline: 4 October](#)]

- Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5<sup>th</sup> ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider [['early bird' discount until 15 October](#)]
- Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5<sup>th</sup> ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Comparative Research Designs**, Benoît Rihoux [['early bird' discount until 15 October](#)]
- Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5<sup>th</sup> ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Advanced Multi-Method Research**, Ingo Rohlfing [['early bird' discount until 15 October](#)]

## --2. Events

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

- Zurich (Switzerland), 2-3 December 2015, 3<sup>rd</sup> **International QCA Expert Workshop** [[abstracts submission deadline: 23 October](#)]
- Valencia (Spain), 20-23 March 2016 (6<sup>th</sup> **Global Innovation and Knowledge Academy (GIKA) Conference**) – in connection with forthcoming special issues of journals (some with focus on QCA) [[abstracts submission deadline: 10 November](#)]
- Naples (Italy), 7-9 July 2016 (32nd EGOS Colloquium), Sub-Theme 30 "**The re-emergence of the Configurational Perspective in Organization Studies**"
- Istanbul (Turkey), 23-28 July 2016 (24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science), panel on **Set-Theoretical Approaches and the Study of Inequality**

## --3. Calls for papers

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

- Call for papers for a Special Section Issue titled "Configurational Comparative Research Methodologies" in the *Quality & Quantity* journal [[deadline for submissions: 15 December](#)]

## --4. Software news

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

- New software version: **cna 1.0-3** has been released.

## --5. Publications

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

- The bibliographical database has been further enriched/updated, with 650+ journal articles and 170+ data sets
- 7 sharp methodological contributions on QCA have been published (in full or online first) as full articles in *Quality & Quantity* (links on the 'news' post, 4 August 2015)

## --6. Working papers

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

- COMPASS WP 2014-80: Lambach, Daniel, Eva Johais and Markus Bayer. 2015. "The Causes of State Collapse: Results from a QCA Analysis". Published online 17 July 2015
- COMPASS WP 2014-81: Meuer, Johannes and Christian Rupietta. 2015. "Qualifying "Fit": The Performance Dynamics of Firms' Change Tracks through Organizational Configurations". Published online 14 July 2015

## --7. Awards and other news

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

- the 2014 **Article of the Year Award** of the journal ***Socio-Economic Review*** was given to Carsten Schneider and Kristin Makszin for their article "Forms of Welfare Capitalism and Education-Based Participatory Inequality", *Socio-Economic Review* 12(2): 437-462
- the German Political Science Association has awarded its 2015 **price for the best dissertation** to Patrick Mello for his book *Democratic Participation in Armed Conflict. Military Involvement in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq*
- The **Nils Petter Gleditsch Article of the Year Award** (2015) of the ***Journal of Peace Research*** was given to Corinne Bara for her article "Incentives and opportunities: A complexity-oriented explanation of violent ethnic conflict, *Journal of Peace Research* 51(6): 696-710

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

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