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Main items:

1. QCA training
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--1. QCA training

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

In chronological order:

- Bern (Switzerland), 21-23 December 2015: **Set Theoretic Methods: Introductory Seminar**, Eva Thomann
- 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 passed]
- Sao Paolo (Brazil), 1-5 February 2016 (IPSA Summer School): **Module 2: Advanced Issues in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider [application deadline passed]
- Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider [online registration deadline 25 Jan 2016]
- Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Comparative Research Designs**, Benoît Rihoux [online registration deadline 25 Jan 2016]
- Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Advanced Multi-Method Research**, Ingo Rohlfing [online registration deadline 25 Jan 2016]

--2. Events

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

In chronological order:

- Valencia (Spain), 20-23 March 2016 (6th **Global Innovation and Knowledge Academy (GIKA) Conference**) – in connection with forthcoming special issues of journals (some with focus on QCA) [abstracts submission deadline passed]
- Naples (Italy), 7-9 July 2016 (32nd EGOS Colloquium), Sub-Theme 30 "**The re-emergence of the Configurational Perspective in Organization Studies**" [NB deadline for short papers submission [11 Jan 2016](#)]
- Istanbul (Turkey), 23-28 July 2016 (24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science), panel on **Set-Theoretical Approaches and the Study of Inequality**

--3. Miscellaneous – ranking of QCA-friendly journals

See: <http://www.compass.org/index.htm> (10 Oct 2015 post)

- From Alrik Thiem: "*As a by-product of my work as the management board member of COMPASSS responsible for the bibliography, I have published a blog entry on my personal website (<http://alrik-thiem.net/blog/ranking-most-qca-friendly-journals-some-observations/>) that presents a ranking of QCA-friendly journals.(...)*"

--4. Publications

See: <http://www.compass.org/books.htm> & <http://www.compass.org/bibdata.htm>

- The bibliographical database has been further enriched/updated, with 680+ journal articles and 180 data sets
- New book (QCA empirical application) by Judith Glaesser: **Young People's Educational Careers in England and Germany: Integrating Survey and Interview Analysis via Qualitative Comparative Analysis** (Palgrave Macmillan 2015)
- New book (QCA empirical application) by Pablo José Castillo Ortiz: **EU Treaties and the Judicial Politics of National Courts: A Law and Politics Approach** (Taylor & Francis 2016)

--5. Working papers

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

Working paper proposals are most welcome – to be submitted to Claude Rubinson (Managing editor) who ensures a time-efficient reviewing process before publication in the WP series.

Three recently published Working papers:

- Ton, Giel. 2015. "Using Qualitative Comparative Analysis to Explore Outcome Patterns of Grant Support to Farmer Organisations in Bolivia". *COMPASSS WP Series* 2015-82. Published online 19 October 2015.
- Thiem, Alrik. 2015. "Standards of Good Practice and the Methodology of Necessary Conditions in Qualitative Comparative Analysis: A Critical View on Schneider and Wagemann's Theory-Guided/Enhanced Standard Analysis". *COMPASSS WP Series* 2015-83. Published online 14 November 2015.

- van Kessel, Stijn. 2015. "Up to the Challenge? The Electoral Performance of Challenger Parties after their First Period in Power". *COMPASSS WP Series 2015-84*. Published online 15 December 2015.

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

And season's greetings as well!

Prof. Benoît Rihoux