

# COMPASSS NEWSLETTER Vol.12 May 2006

COMParative methods for the Advancement of Systematic cross-case  
analysis and Small-N Studies

Here is a quick digest of main recent complements on the COMPASSS international resource site.  
For more detailed information: see respective sections of the COMPASSS site at:  
<http://www.compass.org> .

## THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL DATABASE HAS NOW BEEN REFRESHED

<http://www.compass.org/Bibli%20database.htm>

### 1. Publications <http://www.compass.org/Publications.htm>

Michael SMITHSON and Jay VERKUILEN  
"FUZZY SET THEORY Applications in the Social Science"  
2006, 112p., Paperback  
Sage Publications  
ISBN: 076192986X

### 2. Working Papers <http://www.compass.org/WP.htm>

WP2006-38[Posted on 15-Feb-2006]  
Daniel BOCHSLER (University of Geneva)  
Electoral engineering and inclusion of ethnic groups: ethnic minorities in parliaments of Central and Eastern European countries.

### 3. COMPASSS Activities <http://www.compass.org/COMPASSS%20activities.htm>

#### Next COMPASSS Seminar:

June 2nd 2006, Louvain la Neuve, Belgium  
Guest speakers: **Jelle GOEMAN** (Leiden University) and **Bojana LOBE** (University of Ljubljana)  
Theme: Expanding the frontiers of QCA applications: a significance test for QCA and a mixed methods design with QCA.  
Registration is free but compulsory.

### 4. Meetings <http://www.compass.org/Meetings.htm>

#### Methodology Matters workshop of the Dutch/Flemish Politicogenetmaal

18 and 19 May 2006, The Hague, The Netherlands

Call for papers is now closed. The final programme is:

**Anne Marije VAN ESSEN** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

"From 'Thick Case Description' towards 'Thick Variable Description'? The usefulness of a 'variable-oriented' approach in a small-N study about health care reform"

**Frank HAGE** (Universiteit Leiden)

"Fuzzy Sets and (Very) Small-N: Revisiting the conditions for communicative action"

**Michael KAEDING** (Universiteit Leiden)

"In good times and bad: legal transposition in the EU"

**Bojana LOBE** (Ljubljana University)

"Flexible mixed methods design with a feed-back loop"

**Tim REESKENS** (KULeuven)

"Globalization and national identity. A multilevel analysis on the 2003 ISSP data"

**Irina STOICA** (University of Bologna)

"Measuring risk perception through political interest"

**Barbara VIS** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

"Prospect theory and welfare state research. Identifying problems and proposing solutions"

**Marco GIUGNI and Sakura YAMASAKI** (University of Geneva, UCLouvain)

"Comparing QCA and TSA methods"

### 5. Software <http://www.compass.org/Softwares.htm>

**New version of TOSMANA** April 2006 to be downloaded.

New features on Tosmana's website ([www.tosmana.org](http://www.tosmana.org)), among others a Q&A mailing list.