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

1. Bibliographical database

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

The international bibliographical database has been updated (as of 16 July). If you wish to report new entries, suggest corrections/complements to existing entries, etc., please send a message to Benoît Rihoux : benoit.rihoux@uclouvain.be .

2. Training ["News" --> "Training"]

<http://www.compass.org/Trainings.htm>

Apart from the courses in **Ljubljana** (ECPR Summer School) and **Colchester** (Essex Summer School) : Wednesday, August 29, 2007, **Chicago**, USA : 2007 APSA Short Course : « Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets ». Instructor: Charles C. RAGIN, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona.

3. Meetings [« News » --> « Meetings »]

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

- 4th August 2007, Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia, USA
Professional Development Workshop: **Qualitative Comparative Analysis** (Academy of Management Meetings). Presenters: Peer C. Fiss; U. of Southern California, as well as Ruth V. Aguilera; Thomas Greckhamer; Gregory Jackson; and Rodney Lacey;
- 6th August 2007, Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia, USA
QCA and Set-theoretic Methods: New Perspectives for Management and Strategy Research (Academy of Management Meetings). Organizer: Peer C. Fiss; U. of Southern California
- 8 September 2007, Pisa (Italy ; ECPR General Conference) :
Panel (nr 15-4, 9 :00-10 :30) on **Comparative research design and Configurational Methods** (Convenor : Airo Hino, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan). Topic : The group of methods and techniques which are now brought under the heading of “Configurational Comparative Methods” (CCM) –

namely crisp-set Qualitative Comparative Analysis (csQCA), multi-value QCA (mvQCA), fuzzy-set QCA (fsQCA) and Fuzzy Sets – is witnessing quite a few new developments. What are the most promising efforts to further develop/consolidate these methods? How can these methods cross-fertilize with other methods? This panel also discusses overarching issues of comparative research design. Papers presented by Svend-Erik Skaaning, Charles Ragin, Carsten Schneider & Bernard Grofman, Mona Lena Krook, Maria Ackrén.

4. Publication

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

QUALITATIVE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (QCA) UND FUZZY-SETS.

Ein Lehrbuch für Anwender und alle, die es werden wollen

New German language textbook on crisp set QCA and fuzzy set QCA by Carsten Q. **Schneider** (Central European University) and Claudius **Wagemann** (University of Florence).

5. Call for proposals – COMPASSS seminars 07-08

Call for presentations – if you wish to present innovative work-in-progress related to QCA or linked methods, at a seminar at the UCL (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) or at another venue under the auspices of COMPASSS, please send your proposal to Benoit Rihoux & Sakura Yamasaki (benoit.rihoux@uclouvain.be, sakura.yamasaki@uclouvain.be) no later than **30 August 07**.

6. NB change of e-mail addresses (UCL)

Please update your records : all e-mail addresses of UCL (Universite catholique de Louvain) personel have been changed to the following format :

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