

COMPASSS NEWSLETTER no 17 (Jan 2008)

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

Important prior notice from Prof. Benoit Rihoux :

It is my pleasure to inform you that Sakura YAMASAKI, who under my supervision at the CPC has been the key « working hand » of COMPASSS ever since its launching in late 2003, has successfully passed her Ph.D. (with an excellent dissertation, in which she exploits QCA, naturally !). Her position as Research Fellow at the Belgian National Foundation for Scientific Research & Université catholique de Louvain also comes to an end. Sakura will now take on some other ambitious challenges. It has been a pleasure working with her & coaching her in her Ph.D. I wish her all the best for her future projects and thank her (also on behalf of the recipients of this list, I am sure) for her great work for COMPASSS. In practical terms, Damien BOL, student & research assistant at the CPC, will take over Sakura's tasks. His e-mail is: damien.bol@student.uclouvain.be (also mentioned on the relevant pages of the COMPASSS site).

--1. COMPASSS ACTIVITIES ---

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

SEMINAIRE QUALITATIVE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (QCA)

[In French]

Mardi 29 Janvier 2008

"Approche Qualitative Comparative Analysis de la réalité managériale des organisations publiques, privées et sportives"

Universite de Bourgogne, Dijon (France)

NB inscriptions possibles encore JUSQU'AU 15 JANVIER auprès de :
mathieu.winand@uclouvain.be

--2. TRAINING

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

Information has now been posted on the 2008 courses at the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, 4th - 16th August 2008, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia,

And in particular :

Course 7: CONFIGURATIONAL COMPARATIVE METHODS: QCA AND FUZZY SETS

(Benoit Rihoux & Carsten Schneider)

--3. MEETINGS

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

NB deadlines are approaching for 3 calls for papers :

- Call for Papers, 24th EGOS Colloquium, July 10-12, 2008

"Comparing Organizations: New Approaches to Using Case Study, Small-N, and

Set-Theoretical Methods"

Vrije University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

[NB DEADLINE 13 JANUARY]

- Call for Papers, 7th International Conference on Social Science Methodology, Sept.1-5, 2008

"Data for Historical Sociology and for Analyzing Long-Term Social Processes" Session

Monte Sant'Angelo Campus, Naples, Italy

[NB DEADLINE 31 JANUARY – queries to nina.baur@tu-berlin.de]

- Call for Papers, 7th International Conference on Social Science Methodology, Sept.1-5, 2008

"Process Generated Data" Session

Monte Sant'Angelo Campus, Naples, Italy

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--4. WORKING PAPERS

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

Some newly posted papers :

WP2007-52[Posted on 27-Nov-2007]

Maarten VINK (University of Maastricht / University of Lisbon) and **Olaf VAN VLIET** (Leiden University)

Not quite crisp, not yet fuzzy?... Assessing the potentials and pitfalls of multi-value QCA.

WP2007-51[Posted on 4-Nov-2007]

Claudius WAGEMANN (Istituto italiano di scienze umane) and **Carsten Q. SCHNEIDER** (Central European University)

STANDARDS OF GOOD PRACTICE IN QUALITATIVE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (QCA) AND FUZZY-SETS