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Main items:

1. COMPASSS Working Paper (new Publication and call for submissions)
2. Software updated (FS/QCA and R package)
3. Forthcoming QCA and Fuzzy Sets training in January 2010 (UC Berkeley and University of Arizona)
4. Recent meeting of the Japanese Association for Mathematical Sociology (abstracts & contacts available)
5. International Bibliographical Database (updated)

--1. COMPASSS Working Paper

<http://www.compassss.org/pages/resources/compassswp.html>

- A new COMPASSS Working Paper has been published:

Mattias LARSEN (Gothenburg University), *Vulnerable Daughters in Times of Change: A Set-Theoretic Analysis of the 'Missing Girls' Problem in India*

This paper can be downloaded from the COMPASSS Working Paper's page.

This is the first COMPASSS Working Paper published since the introduction of the fully peer review process in January 2009.

- Note from Maarten Vink, on behalf of the COMPASSS WP Editorial committee:

"The COMPASSS Working Papers series was instituted in 2002 to publish work-in-progress with some connection to configurational comparative methods (csQCA, mvQCA, fsQCA and linked methods). The Working Paper series aims at making state-of-art work quickly available to an ever growing community of scholars interested in configurational comparative methods. In order to attract more papers, and also to strengthen the quality of the contributions, the Working Paper series was re-launched in 2009 with the appointment of a new editorial committee and a new managing editor (Maarten Vink, Maastricht/Lisbon University). Currently a number of authors are revising their paper based on the review comments, and we also have a number of papers under review. If you would like to publish your working paper in COMPASSS Working Papers, please send your paper, in Word format (NB: not PDF) to the managing editor (m.vink@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

Every paper should include a cover page with the title of the paper, an abstract, and the name and contact details of the author. Graphs and tables should be

included at the end of the document. There are no further style criteria, but authors are expected to use an internationally accepted reference system and to present their paper in a readable format.

Every submitted paper will be examined by at least two members of the editorial committee. The reviewers will provide the author(s) with some comments in a few bullet-points (strong points / points to be improved) and based on these reviews the editor will decide whether the paper meets the quality standards for publication in the WP series.”

--2. Software updates

<http://www.compass.org/pages/resources/software.html>

New functions have been developed in two software computing Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets

- The “subset/superset analysis” has been developed in the FS/QCA software. This function allows computing consistency and coverage of selected sets.

<http://www.u.arizona.edu/~cragin/fsQCA/software.shtml>

- The R package developed by Adrian Dusa and available on CRAN has been updated to compute mvQCA. <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/QCA/index.html>

--3. Forthcoming QCA and Fuzzy Sets training in January 2010

<http://www.compass.org/pages/announcements/training.html>

- UC Berkeley Social Research Workshop, Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets Methods, taught by Steven Vaisey (UC Berkeley), 7-8 January 2010. http://socialresearch.berkeley.edu/pages/fuzzy_set_methods_workshop_overview.html

- Short courses on Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets, University of Arizona, taught by Charles Ragin (University of Arizona), 14 January – 9 February 2010.

--4. Recent meeting of the Japanese Association for Mathematical Sociology

<http://www.compass.org/pages/announcements/conferences.html>

(click on "past meetings")

The abstracts of papers presented at the last meeting of the Japanese Association for Mathematical Sociology on the Frontiers of Qualitative Comparative Methods can be downloaded from the Compass Webpage on conferences and meetings.

--5. International bibliographical database updated

<http://www.compass.org/pages/resources/international.html>

The bibliographical database has just been updated (as of 09 October 2009). You are most welcome to notify corrections, missing documents, new entries to be added etc. to [Ilona REZSOHAZY](#). We need your help to keep this database up-to-date.

On behalf of the whole COMPASSSS Steering group (see composition at <http://www.compass.org/pages/who.html>):

Benoît Rihoux, Damien Bol, and Ilona Rezsöhazi who has just joined the UCLouvain team