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--1. QCA publications

See also: <http://www.compass.org/books/bookMetEN.htm> and
<http://www.compass.org/index.htm> ('news')

NB only a selection of methods-focused publications is mentioned here, as QCA empirical applications are too numerous.

- Just published: volume 38 of *Research in the Sociology of Organizations* on **Configurational Theory and Methods in Organizational Research** (Fiss, Cambré & Marx, eds, 2013, Emerald). It contains 13 full chapters, a preface and a concluding piece. Direct link via <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/books.htm?issn=0733-558x&volume=38&PHPSESSID=p3lk92iq7e6aicegckiqgtn4j7>
- Just published: Rihoux, Benoît, "Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), Anno 2013: Reframing *the Comparative Method's Seminal Statements*." *Swiss Political Science Review* 19, no. 2 (2013): 233-45. This review article examines the ways in which QCA is being (re)framed in a context of expansion and diversification. Charles Ragin's seminal *The Comparative Method* (1987) is first synthesized in the form of eight statements which are then confronted to eight recent book-length publications. Accessible e.g. through <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/spsr.12031/abstract>

--2. QCA training

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

In chronological order:

- McGill University (Montréal, Canada), 12 Dec 2013: **Introduction to Configurational Comparative Methods (CCM) and Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)**, Benoît Rihoux & Damien Bol
- University of Arizona (USA), 9-11 Jan 2014: **Qualitative Comparative Analysis**, Claude Rubinson
- University of Vienna (Austria), 17-21 Feb 2014 (ECPR Winter School): **Comparative Research Designs (incl. introduction to QCA)**, Benoît Rihoux [NB 'early bird' fee till 1 Nov 2013]
- University of Vienna (Austria), 17-21 Feb 2014 (ECPR Winter School): **Advanced Multi-method Research: Techniques and Practice (incl. QCA)**, Ingo Rohlfing [NB 'early bird' fee till 1 Nov 2013]
- University of Vienna (Austria), 17-21 Feb 2014 (ECPR Winter School): **Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider [NB 'early bird' fee till 1 Nov 2013]

--3. New COMPASSS working paper

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

Fischer, Manuel. 2013. "Policy Network Structures, Institutional Context, and Policy Change". *COMPASSS WP Series 2013-73*. Published online 13 May 2013. Available from: <http://www.compass.org/wpseries/Fischer2013.pdf>.

If you would like to publish your working paper in the COMPASSS WP Series, please send your paper by e-mail to the Managing Editor, Maarten Vink (full instructions through the URL above).

--4. Events and calls for papers

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

In chronological order [*NB some approaching deadlines for paper proposals*]:

- ETH Zurich/University of Zurich (Switzerland), 23-24 Oct. 2013: **International QCA Expert Workshop** [call for papers closed; registration still open]
- Goethe-University Frankfurt (Germany), 22-23 Nov. 2013: international conference on **Qualitative Comparative Analysis: Applications and Methodological Challenges** [call for papers closed; registration still open]
- KULeuven (Belgium), 27-30 Nov. 2013: conference on "**Validating Methods for Comparing Public Policy: Academia and Government in Dialogue**", organized by the KULeuven, the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis and the ICPA Forum. Several streams covering fsQCA for comparative policy analysis, comparative policy knowledge from small-N case research, etc. [call for papers closed; registration still open]

- Rotterdam (Netherlands), 3-5 July 2014: 30th EGOS Colloquium: subtheme on **The Challenge of Configuration: Bridging Perspectives and Methodologies** [deadline for submission of short paper: **13 Jan 2014**]
- Montreal (Canada), 19-24 July 2014: 23rd IPSA World Congress: panel on **Combining Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Case Studies in Mixed-Methods Designs** [deadline for submission of abstract/paper proposal: **7 Oct 2013**]

--5. Software news

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

New software version: **Kirq 2.1.9** has been released.

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

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