

COMPASSS NEWSLETTER

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COMPARative Methods for
Systematic cross-caSe analySis

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Main items:

1. Calls for papers
2. QCA courses – training
3. New book out of press
4. Job opportunity (5 postdocs, concept or practice of comparison)

--1. Calls for papers

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

- XXXIII. Sunbelt Conference, Hamburg, 21-26 May 2013: Session on “SNA meets QCA” – NB: deadline for submission: **31 December**
- International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), Grenoble, 26-28 June 2013: Panel on “Configurational comparative methods as the way forward in comparative public policy and administration?” -- NB: deadline for submission: **1 February**

--2. QCA courses – training

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

In chronological order:

- Sao Paulo, 21 January – 8 February (IPSA Summer School): *Comparative Research Designs and Comparative Methods*
- Vienna, 17-22 February (ECPR Winter School): *Advanced Multi-Method Research and Comparative Research Designs* (2 distinct courses)
- Leuven, 26 February – 9 March: *Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Set Analysis*

- Utrecht, 22-25 April: *Configurational Comparative Approaches in Public Administration and Political Science: Boolean and Fuzzy-Set Analysis*
- [soon, but not yet, on COMPASSS] Ljubljana, 29 July – 9 August: *Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets: Basics and Advanced Issues in Set-Theoretic Methods*

--3. New book out of press

See: <http://www.compass.org/books/bookMetEN.htm>

Mixed Methods in Comparative Politics: Principles and Applications, by Dirk Berg-Schlosser (2012, Palgrave, ECPR Research Methods Series). *This book exemplifies how distinct methods (including QCA) can be meaningfully integrated and applied in a large international research project (...).*

--4. Job opportunity (5 postdocs, concept or practice of comparison)

The University of Pittsburgh Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences is offering approximately for the **five postdoctoral fellowships in the humanities and social sciences** academic year 2013-2014. (...) We seek applicants with projects that engage the concept or practice of comparison across time, space, language, genre, discipline or other category. How do we, at this moment, compare? Why do we compare? What can be compared? What do we gain by comparing? What do we lose? We welcome any proposal relating to these issues.

We invite applications from qualified candidates in the humanities and social sciences who have received, or will receive, the PhD between September 1, 2011 and April 1, 2013. As part of the application, applicants who have not already received the PhD must submit a letter from their dissertation chair with the scheduled defense date. The annual stipend will be \$45,000. Fellows may apply for an additional year renewal.

For more information or to apply, visit <http://www.as.pitt.edu/postdoctoral-fellowship-program>. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. EST on **March 1, 2013**. We expect to announce the awards by April 15, 2013. (...) The University of Pittsburgh is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educator. Women, minorities, and international candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

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

Prof. Benoît Rihoux