

COMPASSS NEWSLETTER

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

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Main items :

1. COMPASSS (New Site – Following)
2. COMPASSS activities (18-20 March 09)
3. New Call for papers (deadline 24 March 09)

--1. COMPASSS (NEW SITE - FOLLOWING)

The 2nd generation COMPASSS International resource site, launched in early January 2009, is being gradually expanded. The International bibliographical database is back & fully operational -- <http://www.compass.org/pages/resources/international.html#> . Hopefully we shall launch soon the new "Questions and Answers" forum page.

--2. COMPASSS ACTIVITIES (18-20 MARCH 09)

See details at : <http://www.compass.org/pages/announcements/compasssa.html>

3 activities to be mentioned :

- Wednesday 18 March 2009, 12:45 – 14:00, UCLouvain (Belgium), Distinguished guest lecture by Charles C. Ragin : "Redesigning Social Science Research: Fuzzy Sets and Beyond"

- Thursday 19 March 2009, 14:00-17:00, KULeuven (Belgium), Master Class : fine-tuning QCA applications (crisp-set, multi-value or fuzzy-set QCA) – with the participation of Charles C. Ragin, Benoît Rihoux, and Wendy Olsen (University of Manchester) as advisors/experts. NB deadline for registrations 5 March 09

- Not directly organized by COMPASSS, but also useful for junior researchers or advanced students reflecting of their methodology and methods in the course of a Ph.D. research (or research project) : Friday 20 March 2009 whole day, Brussels (Belgium): "3^{ème} rencontre annuelle des doctorants en science politique" (3rd yearly meeting of Ph.D students in political science). This year's topic (working languages : English & French) : "Questions of methodology and methods at the beginning of and during a Ph.D research / Questions de méthodologie et de méthodes au début et en cours de doctorat" – with several guest speakers & experts. Non-Belgium-based advanced students also welcome (participation is free – prior registration compulsory before 13 March 09).

Thru : <http://www.edtsciencepo.be/> -- All details at :

<http://centres.fusl.ac.be/EDTPOLS/document/Journeedoctoraledu20mars.pdf>

--3. NEW CALL FOR PAPERS (DEADLINE 24 MARCH)

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

For a workshop on "Configurational Approaches in Political Science: QCA, Fuzzy-Sets and Beyond", to be held in Nijmegen (the Netherlands) on 28-29 May 2009, at the Dutch/Flemish Politologenetmaal (working language for this workshop : English). Different types of papers welcome. Deadline for paper proposals : 24 March 09.
