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Systematic cross-caSe analySis

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Main items:

1. QCA training

2. Software – updates & upgrades

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5. Working papers

--1. QCA training

See: **http://www.compasss.org/training.htm**

> In chronological order (for 2016):

[NB we need to bring a few corrections on that page – this will be done shortly, sorry for the inconvenience]

- St Gallen (Switzerland), 6-10 June 2016 (GSERM Global School in Empirical Research Methods): **Qualitative Comparative Analysis**, Charles C. Ragin

- St Gallen (Switzerland), 6-10 June 2016 (GSERM Global School in Empirical Research Methods): **Necessary Condition Analysis (NCA): Theory and Practice**, Jan Dul

- Berne (Switzerland), 6-10 June 2016: **Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)**, Eva Thomann

- Mexico City (Mexico)(*), 6-17 June 2016 (IPSA-FLASCO Summer School in Social Science Research Methods): **Comparative Research Design and Configurational Comparative Methods**, Dirk Berg-Schlosser(*)

- Rotterdam (Netherlands), 20-21 June 2016 (ERIM Summer School): **Necessary Condition Analysis (NCA): Theory and Practice**, Jan Dul

- *[being relocated, location update by IPSA on 25 March]*(*), 23 July 2016 (IPSA World Congress - Research Methods Short Courses): **Set-Theoretic Methods for the Social Sciences: A Primer for Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Fuzzy Sets**, Carsten Schneider(*)

- Budapest (Hungary), 1-12 August 2016 (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques), **Set-Theoretic Methods: Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Related Approaches**, Patrick A. Mello and Carsten Schneider [course SB104 – NB 'early bird' discount until 30 March]

- Budapest (Hungary), 1-12 August 2016 (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques), **Case Study Research: Method and Practice**, Ingo Rohlfing [course SB102 – NB 'early bird' discount until 30 March]

(*) this is the correct info

--2. Software – updates and upgrades

See: **http://www.compasss.org/software.htm**

- The 'software' page has been expanded, edited and updated in several sections; a disclaimer has been added, and 3 "add-on" QCA packages have been added. The page now covers 13 software options. This page will be further updated during the next few weeks.

- New software: **QCApro 1.0-0** has been released on 27 January. It enables one to perform configurational comparative research with Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), including crisp-set QCA, multi-value QCA, and fuzzy-set QCA. It also offers new features and advanced tools for methodological evaluations of QCA.

- New software: **QCAGUI/QCA 2.1** has been released on 16 February. It enables one to perform Qualitative Comparative Analysis: crisp sets ('csQCA'), temporal ('tQCA'), multi-value ('mvQCA') and fuzzy sets ('fsQCA'), using a GUI - graphical user interface. It also offers new, flexible visualization tools (e.g. customizeable Venn diagrams).

--3. Events

See: **http://www.compasss.org/events.htm**

In chronological order:

- Valencia (Spain), 6-7 July 2016 (1st International Conference on Advanced Research Methods and Analytics - CARMA), full track on **Qualitative and Comparative Methods**, with a core emphasis on QCA

- Naples (Italy), 7-9 July 2016 (32nd EGOS Colloquium), Sub-Theme 30 "**The re-emergence of the Configurational Perspective in Organization Studies**"

- *[being relocated, location update by IPSA on 25 March]*, 23-28 July 2016 (24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science), panel on **Set-Theoretical Approaches and the Study of Inequality**

--4. Publications

See: **http://www.compasss.org/books.htm, http://www.compasss.org/bibdata.htm & http://www.compasss.org/index.htm**

- The bibliographical database has been further enriched/updated, with 710 journal articles and 180+ data sets

- The *Journal of Business Research* 69(4) has published a special issue titled "**Set-Theoretic Research in Business**", and includes almost 50 articles applying QCA.

- New book (QCA empirical application) by Joëlle Desterbecq: **La peopolisation politique. Analyse en Belgique, France et Grande-Bretagne** (De Boeck 2015)

--5. Working papers

See: **http://www.compasss.org/wpseries.htm**

Working paper proposals are most welcome – to be submitted to Claude Rubinson (Managing editor) who ensures a time-efficient reviewing process before publication in the WP series.

On behalf of the whole COMPASSS management team (see composition at: **http://www.compasss.org/people.htm**)**,**

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