
*Call for Papers***3rd International QCA Expert Workshop**

ETH Zurich and University of Zurich

December 2–3, 2015 in Zurich

With the *3rd International QCA Expert Workshop* we build on the workshops of the past two years in bringing together 20-30 researchers working with QCA across and beyond the neighboring areas of political sciences, sociology, management, and economics. By providing a forum for cross-disciplinary exchange, the *3rd International QCA Expert Workshop* will encourage the dissemination of new ideas, facilitate the promotion of innovative work, and create opportunities for scientific collaboration.

With this Call for Papers we invite submissions for abstracts from researchers who work on methodological developments of QCA, apply QCA empirically, or do both. Although we expect submissions to come primarily from the areas of political science, sociology, management, and economics, we encourage submissions with other methodological, theoretical, or empirical orientations.

Submission Procedure

To participate in the workshop, please submit an abstract of 200-500 words to Johannes Meuer (jmeuer@ethz.ch) or Christian Rupiotta (christian.rupiotta@uzh.ch) by **October 23, 2015** at the latest. For empirical research, you should be able to present your research question, data, and first results by the time of the workshop.

One of the strengths of the *3rd International QCA Expert Workshop* is its small number of participants, which allows for in-depth discussions and personal interaction. In order to maintain this, we limit the number of research presentations. At the same time, we will work to be flexible in our scheduling depending on the number of submissions we receive. We will notify applicants no later than November 5, 2015 about opportunities to participate.



Workshop Format

The 3rd *International QCA Expert Workshop* will last for two full days (2-3 December, 2015). We plan to schedule three to four 90-minute sessions, with two presentations per session to provide enough time for feedback and discussion. Each session will combine presentations either from different disciplinary backgrounds or from researchers with different experience levels. Each presenter will receive individual feedback from a designated discussant. In addition to the paper session, we may schedule two extra sessions for discussing general topics related to QCA (e.g., software development, community building). For Wednesday evening (December 2, 2015), we will organize a joint workshop dinner for all participants as an opportunity to socialize and enjoy authentic Swiss cuisine at a moderately high altitude.

Hosting and Venue

The 3rd *International QCA Expert Workshop* is hosted jointly by the Group for Sustainability & Technology at the ETH Zurich, and by the Chair for Empirical Research in Business, Industrial Relations and HRM at the University of Zurich. The workshop is part of the COMPASSS QCA Expert Seminar Series (www.compassss.org). The workshop will take place in the center of Zurich at ETH Zurich.

Conference Fees

There is no workshop fee and we will provide coffee, tea, and snacks during breaks. Participants should cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. We are happy to help find suitable accommodation.

We look forward to your submission!

Johannes Meuer and Christian Rupiotta

For any questions, feel free to contact us at any time.

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