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Main items:
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--1. Call for paper for the special issue of Methodological Innovations Online (deadline extended)
http://www.compasss.org/pages/announcements/conferences.html

The Methodological Innovations Online editorial board has decided to publish the 2011 special issue on case-based approaches in July rather than May. The editors, Barry Cooper and Judith Glaesser, therefore extended the submission deadline to 17th January 2011.

All the information can be found on the Compasss Website.

--2. Key recent publication
http://www.compasss.org/pages/announcements/recent.html


With unique data on patterns of media ownership and technology use, Howard’s book demonstrates how, since the mid-1990s, information technologies have had a role in political transformation. Democratic revolutions are not caused by new information technologies. But in the Muslim world, democratization is no longer possible without them

--3. Forthcoming QCA and Fuzzy Sets trainings
http://www.compasss.org/pages/announcements/training.html

- Arizona Methods Workshop on QCA and Fuzzy Sets, 6 - 8 January 2011, University of Arizona, US.
  Instructor: Charles Ragin (University of Arizona)
Fee: 300$ or 150$ for students. Other workshops are also available.

- **University of Arizona short courses** on QCA and Fuzzy Sets, 13 January - 10 February 2011, University of Arizona, US
  Instructor: Charles Ragin (University of Arizona)
  Fee: No fee but unofficial auditors who want to attend must ask the permission of the instructor

- **NIG Course** on Configurational Comparative Approaches in public administration and political science, 18 - 22 April 2011, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
  Instructors: Barbara Vis (VU University Amsterdam) & Maarten Vink (Maastricht University)
  Fee: 500€ for non-NIG members (including lunch)

- **CCSR short courses** on Fuzzy Sets analysis, 7 June 2011, University of Manchester, UK
  Instructor: Wendy Olsen (University of Manchester)
  Fee: £175 (£125 for those from educational institutions)

--4. New COMPASSS Working Papers

Four working papers have been recently published

- **Concept structures and fuzzy set theory: a proposal for concept formation and operationalization**
  Mario Quaranta (Italian Institute of Human Sciences, Florence)

- **Set-Relational Fit and the Formulation of Transformational Rules in fsQCA**
  Alrik Thiem (ETH Zurich)

- **Non-events in macro-comparative social research: Why we should care and how we can analyze them**
  Patrick Emmenegger (University of Southern Denmark)

- **How good are your counterfactuals? Assessing quantitative macro-comparative welfare state research with qualitative criteria**
  Patrick Emmenegger (University of Southern Denmark).

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On behalf of the whole COMPASSS Steering group (see composition at [http://www.compasss.org/pages/who.html](http://www.compasss.org/pages/who.html)):
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