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Main items:

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4. New Compasss working papers

--1. Call for paper for the special issue of *Methodological Innovations Online* (deadline extended)

<http://www.compass.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.compass.org/pages/announcements/recent.html>

The latest book of Philip N. Howard entitled "**The Digital Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy. Information Technology and Political Islam**", has been published by the Oxford University Press.

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.compass.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

<http://www.compassss.org/pages/resources/compassswp.html>

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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