

# COMPASSS NEWSLETTER

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### **Main items:**

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### **--1. Call for papers – QCA expert seminar, Budapest (26 April)**

See: <http://www.compass.org/events.htm> (full details of the call through this page)

For this edition of the Expert Seminar Series, jointly organized by the Central European University (CEU) and by COMPASSS, the list of topics encouraged for submission is comprised of, but not limited to, the following: alternative parameters of fit; set relations and causation; statistical approaches to analyzing set relations; calibration principles and practices; examples of high quality applied QCA; visualization of set-relational findings. NB: deadline for submission: **28 March**.

### **--2. QCA courses – training**

See: <http://www.compass.org/training.htm>

(+ other courses already mentioned in the previous Newsletter)

- Ljubljana, 29 July – 9 August (8<sup>th</sup> ECPR Summer School): registration to the full 2-week course on Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets: Basics and Advanced Issues in Set-Theoretic Methods (Patrick Emmenegger & Carsten Schneider; course B05) is now open. 'Early bird' discount until 19 March for ECPR members.
- Atlanta, 24 April (SSS Annual Conference): Methodology Workshop on Qualitative Comparative Analysis by Claude Rubinson. Free of charge.

- Denver, 12 April (WSSA Annual Conference): *Methodology Workshop on Qualitative Comparative Analysis* by Claude Rubinson. Free of charge.

### --3. Call for COMPASSS working papers

See: <http://www.compass.org/wpseries.htm>

Since 2009, the COMPASSS working papers have become a peer reviewed working papers series, with 4-5 papers published yearly. Many of those papers have subsequently been published in well-ranked journals.

If you would like to publish your working paper in the COMPASSS WP Series, please send your paper by e-mail to the Managing Editor, Maarten Vink (full instructions through the URL above).

### --4. Job opportunity – post-doc

Eawag, the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology, is a Swiss-based and internationally networked aquatic research institute within the ETH domain (Swiss Federal Institute of Science and Technology). It is committed to the ecologically, economically and socially responsible management of water resources and aquatic ecosystems.

The Department of Environmental Social Sciences has an open **Postdoctoral Research Position in Water Resources Analysis**.

This position is part of a new project that will apply Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) to a meta-analysis of literature on water resource and infrastructure management with a focus on Australia.

Candidates for this position should hold an earned Ph.D. in a relevant area, have a strong interest in interdisciplinary research and, preferably, have some research experience in the area of water resources or infrastructure management. Candidates should be highly self-motivated and able to work independently. Excellent communication skills in English are essential.

(...) For further information, consult [www.eawag.ch](http://www.eawag.ch) (online portal for applications) or contact Prof. Janet Hering, Email [janet.hering@eawag.ch](mailto:janet.hering@eawag.ch). Review of applications will begin on March 22, 2013. The position will remain open until filled. The preferred starting date would be before June 30, 2013.

### --5. Software news

See: <http://www.compass.org/software.htm>

New software version: KirqST 2.09 has been released.

On behalf of the whole COMPASSS Management Team (see composition at: <http://www.compass.org/people.htm>),

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