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--1. QCA publications
See also: http://www.compasss.org/books/bookMetEN.htm and http://www.compasss.org/index.htm (‘news’) 

NB only a selection of methods-focused publications is mentioned here, as QCA empirical applications are too numerous.


- Just published: Rihoux, Benoît, "Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), Anno 2013: Reframing the Comparative Method’s Seminal Statements." Swiss Political Science Review 19, no. 2 (2013): 233-45. This review article examines the ways in which QCA is being (re)framed in a context of expansion and diversification. Charles Ragin’s seminal The Comparative Method (1987) is first synthetized in the form of eight statements which are then confronted to eight recent book-length publications. Accessible e.g. through http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/spsr.12031/abstract

--2. QCA training
See: http://www.compasss.org/training.htm

In chronological order:

- McGill University (Montréal, Canada), 12 Dec 2013: Introduction to Configurational Comparative Methods (CCM) and Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), Benoît Rihoux & Damien Bol

- University of Arizona (USA), 9-11 Jan 2014: Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Claude Rubinson

- University of Vienna (Austria), 17-21 Feb 2014 (ECPR Winter School): Comparative Research Designs (incl. introduction to QCA), Benoît Rihoux [NB ‘early bird’ fee till 1 Nov 2013]

- University of Vienna (Austria), 17-21 Feb 2014 (ECPR Winter School): Advanced Multi-method Research: Techniques and Practice (incl. QCA), Ingo Rohlfing [NB ‘early bird’ fee till 1 Nov 2013]

- University of Vienna (Austria), 17-21 Feb 2014 (ECPR Winter School): Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA, Carsten Schneider [NB ‘early bird’ fee till 1 Nov 2013]

--3. New COMPASSS working paper

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


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. Events and calls for papers

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

In chronological order [NB some approaching deadlines for paper proposals]:

- ETH Zurich/University of Zurich (Switzerland), 23-24 Oct. 2013: International QCA Expert Workshop [call for papers closed; registration still open]

- Goethe-University Frankfurt (Germany), 22-23 Nov. 2013: international conference on Qualitative Comparative Analysis: Applications and Methodological Challenges [call for papers closed; registration still open]

- KULeuven (Belgium), 27-30 Nov. 2013: conference on “Validating Methods for Comparing Public Policy: Academia and Government in Dialogue”, organized by the KULeuven, the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis and the ICPA Forum. Several streams covering fsQCA for comparative policy analysis, comparative policy knowledge from small-N case research, etc. [call for papers closed; registration still open]
Rotterdam (Netherlands), 3-5 July 2014: 30th EGOS Colloquium: subtheme on The Challenge of Configuration: Bridging Perspectives and Methodologies [deadline for submission of short paper: 13 Jan 2014]


--5. Software news
See: http://www.compasss.org/software.htm
New software version: Kirq 2.1.9 has been released.

On behalf of the whole COMPASSS Management Team (see composition at: http://www.compasss.org/people.htm),
Prof. Benoît Rihoux