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--1. QCA training
See: http://www.compasss.org/training.htm

In chronological order:
- Berkeley (USA), 2-3 October 2015: Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy-Set Analysis Workshop, Steven Vaisey
- Geneva (Switzerland), 2 - 6 November 2015: Configurational Research with QCA and CNA, Michael Baumgartner and Alrik Thiem [waiting list]
- Cape Town (South Africa), 23 November - 4 December 2015 (IPSA Summer School): Comparative Research Designs and Comparative Methods, Dirk Berg-Schlosser [registration deadline: 15 October]
- Rotterdam (Netherlands), 25-26 November 2015: Necessary Condition Analysis with NCA, Jan Dul [registration deadline: 4 November]
- Tucson (USA), 7-9 January 2016: Qualitative Comparative Analysis Workshop, Claude Rubinson
- Sao Paolo (Brazil), 26-29 January 2016 (IPSA Summer School): Module 1: Basics of Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA, Carsten Schneider [application deadline: 4 October]
- Sao Paolo (Brazil), 1-5 February 2016 (IPSA Summer School): Module 2: Advanced Issues in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA, Carsten Schneider [application deadline: 4 October]
Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider ['early bird' discount until 15 October]

Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Comparative Research Designs**, Benoit Rihoux ['early bird' discount until 15 October]

Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): **Advanced Multi-Method Research**, Ingo Rohlfing ['early bird' discount until 15 October]

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**2. Events**

See: [http://www.compasss.org/events.htm](http://www.compasss.org/events.htm)

- Zurich (Switzerland), 2-3 December 2015, 3rd International QCA Expert Workshop [abstracts submission deadline: 23 October]

- Valencia (Spain), 20-23 March 2016 (6th Global Innovation and Knowledge Academy (GIKA) Conference) – in connection with forthcoming special issues of journals (some with focus on QCA) [abstracts submission deadline: 10 November]

- Naples (Italy), 7-9 July 2016 (32nd EGOS Colloquium), Sub-Theme 30 "The re-emergence of the Configurational Perspective in Organization Studies"

- Istanbul (Turkey), 23-28 July 2016 (24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science), panel on Set-Theoretical Approaches and the Study of Inequality

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**3. Calls for papers**

See: [http://www.compasss.org/index.htm](http://www.compasss.org/index.htm)

- Call for papers for a Special Section Issue titled "Configurational Comparative Research Methodologies" in the *Quality & Quantity* journal [deadline for submissions: 15 December]

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**4. Software news**

See: [http://www.compasss.org/software.htm](http://www.compasss.org/software.htm)

- New software version: cna 1.0-3 has been released.

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**5. Publications**


- The bibliographical database has been further enriched/updated, with 650+ journal articles and 170+ data sets

- 7 sharp methodological contributions on QCA have been published (in full or online first) as full articles in *Quality & Quantity* (links on the ‘news’ post, 4 August 2015)

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**6. Working papers**
See: http://www.compasss.org/wpseries.htm

- COMPASSS WP 2014-81: Meuer, Johannes and Christian Rupietta. 2015. "Qualifying "Fit": The Performance Dynamics of Firms’ Change Tracks through Organizational Configurations". Published online 14 July 2015

--7. Awards and other news

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

- the 2014 Article of the Year Award of the journal Socio-Economic Review was given to Carsten Schneider and Kristin Makszin for their article "Forms of Welfare Capitalism and Education-Based Participatory Inequality", Socio-Economic Review 12(2): 437-462
- the German Political Science Association has awarded its 2015 price for the best dissertation to Patrick Mello for his book Democratic Participation in Armed Conflict. Military Involvement in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq

On behalf of the whole COMPASSS management team (see composition at: http://www.compasss.org/people.htm),

Prof. Benoît Rihoux