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

In chronological order:

- Bern (Switzerland), 21-23 December 2015: Set Theoretic Methods: Introductory Seminar, Eva Thomann
- 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 passed]
- Sao Paolo (Brazil), 1-5 February 2016 (IPSA Summer School): Module 2: Advanced Issues in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA, Carsten Schneider [application deadline passed]
- 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 [online registration deadline 25 Jan 2016]
- Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): Comparative Research Designs, Benoît Rihoux [online registration deadline 25 Jan 2016]
- Bamberg (Germany), 29 February - 4 March 2016 (5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques): Advanced Multi-Method Research, Ingo Rohlfing [online registration deadline 25 Jan 2016]
--2. Events
See: http://www.compasss.org/events.htm
In chronological order:

• 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 passed]

• Naples (Italy), 7-9 July 2016 (32nd EGOS Colloquium), Sub-Theme 30 "The re-emergence of the Configurational Perspective in Organization Studies" [NB deadline for short papers submission 11 Jan 2016]

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

--3. Miscellaneous – ranking of QCA-friendly journals

• From Alrik Thiem: “As a by-product of my work as the management board member of COMPASSS responsible for the bibliography, I have published a blog entry on my personal website (http://alrik-thiem.net/blog/ranking-most-qca-friendly-journals-some-observations/) that presents a ranking of QCA-friendly journals. (…)”

--4. Publications

• The bibliographical database has been further enriched updated, with 680+ journal articles and 180 data sets

• New book (QCA empirical application) by Judith Glaesser: Young People's Educational Careers in England and Germany: Integrating Survey and Interview Analysis via Qualitative Comparative Analysis (Palgrave Macmillan 2015)


--5. Working papers
See: http://www.compasss.org/wpseries.htm

Working paper proposals are most welcome – to be submitted to Claude Rubinson (Managing editor) who ensures a time-efficient reviewing process before publication in the WP series.

Three recently published Working papers:

• Ton, Giel. 2015. "Using Qualitative Comparative Analysis to Explore Outcome Patterns of Grant Support to Farmer Organisations in Bolivia". COMPASSS WP Series 2015-82. Published online 19 October 2015.


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

And season’s greetings as well!

Prof. Benoît Rihoux