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Main items:
1. QCA training
2. Software – updates & upgrades
3. Events
4. Publications
5. Working papers

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

In chronological order (for 2016):

[NB we need to bring a few corrections on that page – this will be done shortly, sorry for the inconvenience]

- St Gallen (Switzerland), 6-10 June 2016 (GSERM Global School in Empirical Research Methods): Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Charles C. Ragin
- St Gallen (Switzerland), 6-10 June 2016 (GSERM Global School in Empirical Research Methods): Necessary Condition Analysis (NCA): Theory and Practice, Jan Dul
- Berne (Switzerland), 6-10 June 2016: Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), Eva Thomann
- Mexico City (Mexico)(*), 6-17 June 2016 (IPSA-FLASCO Summer School in Social Science Research Methods): Comparative Research Design and Configurational Comparative Methods, Dirk Berg-Schlosser(*)
- Rotterdam (Netherlands), 20-21 June 2016 (ERIM Summer School): Necessary Condition Analysis (NCA): Theory and Practice, Jan Dul
- [being relocated, location update by IPSA on 25 March(*)], 23 July 2016 (IPSA World Congress - Research Methods Short Courses): Set-Theoretic Methods for the Social Sciences: A Primer for Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Fuzzy Sets, Carsten Schneider(*)
- Budapest (Hungary), 1-12 August 2016 (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques), Set-Theoretic Methods: Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Related Approaches, Patrick A. Mello and Carsten Schneider [course SB104 – NB ‘early bird’ discount until 30 March]
Budapest (Hungary), 1-12 August 2016 (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques), Case Study Research: Method and Practice, Ingo Rohlfing [course SB102 – NB 'early bird' discount until 30 March]

(*) this is the correct info

--2. Software – updates and upgrades
See: http://www.compasss.org/software.htm

- The 'software' page has been expanded, edited and updated in several sections; a disclaimer has been added, and 3 “add-on” QCA packages have been added. The page now covers 13 software options. This page will be further updated during the next few weeks.
- New software: QCApro 1.0-0 has been released on 27 January. It enables one to perform configurational comparative research with Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), including crisp-set QCA, multi-value QCA, and fuzzy-set QCA. It also offers new features and advanced tools for methodological evaluations of QCA.
- New software: QCAGUI/QCA 2.1 has been released on 16 February. It enables one to perform Qualitative Comparative Analysis: crisp sets (‘csQCA’), temporal (‘tQCA’), multi-value (‘mvQCA’) and fuzzy sets (‘fsQCA’), using a GUI - graphical user interface. It also offers new, flexible visualization tools (e.g. customizeable Venn diagrams).

--3. Events
See: http://www.compasss.org/events.htm

In chronological order:
- Valencia (Spain), 6-7 July 2016 (1st International Conference on Advanced Research Methods and Analytics - CARMA), full track on Qualitative and Comparative Methods, with a core emphasis on QCA
- Naples (Italy), 7-9 July 2016 (32nd EGOS Colloquium), Sub-Theme 30 "The re-emergence of the Configurational Perspective in Organization Studies"
- [being relocated, location update by IPSA on 25 March], 23-28 July 2016 (24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science), panel on Set-Theoretical Approaches and the Study of Inequality

--4. Publications

- The bibliographical database has been further enriched/updated, with 710 journal articles and 180+ data sets
- The Journal of Business Research 69(4) has published a special issue titled "Set-Theoretic Research in Business", and includes almost 50 articles applying QCA.

--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.

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

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