

# COMPASSS NEWSLETTER

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## **Main items:**

1. QCA training
2. COMPASSS people: new organizational setup
3. Publications: new resources
4. Working papers – and new Zotero library
5. Events

## **--1. QCA training**

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

In chronological order [note some 'early bird' deadlines]:

- Austin, TX (USA), 14 April 2017 (Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association), **Methodology Workshop on Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)**, Claude Rubinson
- Brighton (UK), 15 – 16 June 2017 (ESRC research training), **Qualitative Comparative Analysis**, Sabina Avdagic
- St. Gallen (Switzerland), 19-23 June 2017 (Global School in Empirical Research Methods), **QCA and fuzzy sets**, Charles Ragin
- Manchester (UK), 3 – 7 July 2017 (methods@manchester Summer School), **Integrated Mixed-Methods Research including QCA**, Wendy Olsen and Stephanie Thomson
- Budapest (Hungary), 27-29 July 2017 (12th ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques), **Seasoned Scholar workshop: qualitative, interpretive, case-oriented and comparative methods**, Benoît Rihoux
- Budapest (Hungary), 31 July – 11 August 2017 (12th ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques), **Case Study Research: Method and Practice** (*this course also covers some QCA-related topics*), Ingo Rohfing [**'early bird' discount until 21 April**]

- Budapest (Hungary), 31 July – 11 August 2017 (12th ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques), **Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets**, Patrick Mello and Carsten Schneider [**early bird' discount until 21 April**]
- Ljubljana (Slovenia), 28 August – 1 September 2017 (Global School in Empirical Research Methods), **QCA and fuzzy sets**, Charles Ragin [**early bird' discount until 30 April**]

## --2. COMPASSS people: new organizational setup

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

COMPASSS is undergoing a process of formalization, so that it offer more services and is better able to develop collaborative projects. It now comprises three bodies:

- The **Management Team** that manages and ensures the overall coherence of the COMPASSS website
- The **Steering Committee** that sets the overall direction of the organization and oversees the work of the Management Team
- The **Advisory Board** that acts as a sounding board for the Steering Committee and Management Team, and provide input and suggestions for further improving COMPASSS

Whom to contact for what:

- Suggestions about the web pages; material to feed the web pages (events, training, publications, software upgrades etc.): Claude Rubinson
- Joining the mailing list: Samuel Defacqz
- Various other suggestions: Benoît Rihoux, Sophia Seung-Hoon Lee and Konan Anderson Seny Kan

## --3. Publications: new resources

See: <http://www.compass.org/books.htm> and

[https://www.worldcat.org/profiles/COMPASSS/lists/3691317?view=&se=yr&sd=desc&qt=sort\\_yr\\_desc](https://www.worldcat.org/profiles/COMPASSS/lists/3691317?view=&se=yr&sd=desc&qt=sort_yr_desc)

- New resource: a more extensive list of book-length publications related to QCA and configurational comparative methods is now maintained through a **WorldCat list** which is more comprehensive than the COMPASSS page (as of 3 April: 51 books listed).
- New book (application) by Charles Ragin and Peer Fiss: **Intersectional Inequality** (University of Chicago Press 2016)
- New book (application) by Daniel Lambach, Eva Johais and Markus Bayer: **Why States Fall Apart: a Comparative Analysis on State Collapse** [in German] (Springer 2016)
- Gary Goertz has kindly made available a pre-publication draft of his forthcoming book: **"Multimethod Research, Causal Mechanisms, and Case Studies: An Integrated Approach"** to be published by Princeton University Press this coming July. Full PDF accessible via: <http://www.compass.org/index.htm>

## --4. Working papers – and new Zotero library

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

[https://www.zotero.org/groups/compasss\\_working\\_papers/items](https://www.zotero.org/groups/compasss_working_papers/items)

All COMPASSS working papers are now available via an easily searchable Zotero group library. If you use Zotero and wish to add the group to your installation, please visit the group page and click the "Join" button on the group page.

**Recently published Working paper:**

- Wei Lu, Ayse Saka-Helmhout and Rebecca Piekkari. "**Compensation practice in China: A configurational analysis of the impact of regional institutions and MNC decentralization on adaptation**" *COMPASSS WP* 2017-86. Published online 2 Feb 2017.

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.

**--5. Events**

See: <http://www.compassss.org/events.htm>

In chronological order:

- Nottingham (UK), 25–30 April 2017 (ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop), workshop on "**Configurational Thinking in Political Science: Theory, Methodology, and Empirical Application**"
- Lisbon (Portugal), 28–30 June 2017 (Global Innovation and Knowledge Academy (GIKA) 2017 Conference), topic call on "**Quantitative and Qualitative Comparative Analysis in business**"

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

Prof. Benoît Rihoux