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Systematic cross-case analysis

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Main items:

1. New dedicated website for *International QCA Workshops*
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--1. New dedicated website for *International QCA Workshops*

See: <http://www.compassss.org/index.htm> and <http://compassss.org/h/intlqca/>

In 2017, it was commonly decided that 3 types of International QCA workshops would be offered henceforth on a regular/yearly basis: (1) the International QCA Expert Workshop (Nov-Dec, Zurich); (2) the International QCA Paper Development Workshop (Nov-Dec, Zurich), and the International QCA Summer Workshop (May-June, changing locations).

These 3 types of International QCA Workshops are organized by respective host institutions and are officially endorsed by COMPASSS. The next event will take place in Zurich (27 Nov 2018: Paper development workshop; 28-29 Nov 2018: Expert workshop) – see also “Events” section below.

We have just launched a new, dedicated website for these Workshops – see <http://compassss.org/h/intlqca/> . It can also be directly reached through a new tab on the COMPASSS page.

--2. Events

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

[more events planned in 2019 will be announced in the next Newsletter, sent out before late 2018]

- Zurich (Switzerland), 27 November 2018, **International QCA Paper Development Workshop 2018** (note: deadline for abstract submission: 7 October)
- Zurich (Switzerland), 28-29 November 2018, **6th International QCA Expert Workshop 2018** (note: limited nr of participants)
- Bamberg (Germany), 21-23 February 2019, **ECPR Seasoned Scholar Methods Workshop: Multi-Method Designs, Case-Oriented and Comparative Methods** (registrations open 1 October)

- (NB still tentative) Antwerp (Belgium), 22-24 May 2019 (date TBC), **2nd International QCA Summer Workshop** (more information, if confirmed, on COMPASSS and the International QCA Workshops website by late 2018)

--3. QCA training

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

- Manchester (England), 1 October 2018 (Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research Short Courses), **Fuzzy Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis (fsQCA)**, Wendy Olsen
- Bamberg (Germany), 22-23 February 2019 (ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques), **Foundations of case-oriented and set-theoretic thinking and methodology**, Eva Thomann (registrations open 1 October)
- Bamberg (Germany), 25 February – 1 March 2019 (ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques), **Comparative Research Designs**, Benoît Rihoux (registrations open 1 October)
- Bamberg (Germany), 25 February – 1 March 2019 (ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques), **Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)**, Eva Thomann (registrations open 1 October)
- Bamberg (Germany), 25 February – 1 March 2019 (ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques), **Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA**, Carsten Schneider (registrations open 1 October)

--4. Publications and bibliographical database

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

- The **WorldCat listing for books** now contains 66 books.
- Three books just out of press:
 - Dusa, Adrian (2018), **QCA with R. A comprehensive resource**, Springer (eBook).
 - Gerrits, Lasse, and Verweij, Stefaan (2018), **The evaluation of complex infrastructure projects : a guide to qualitative comparative analysis**, Edward Elgar
 - Thomann, Eva (2018), **Customized implementation of European Union food safety policy : united in diversity?**, Palgrave Macmillan
- the transition to using Zotero for the **COMPASSS Article Bibliography** is now complete. It now includes 909 methodological and QCA empirical application articles.

--5. Software

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

- An update of TOSMANA has been released (version 1.6., 14 September). Mainly bugs have been fixed with this release, but also the calibration feature for fuzzy sets has been improved.

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

Prof. Benoît Rihoux