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--1. Complete upgrade of the web site

In May this year, thanks to the hard work of Claude Rubinson, the web site was completely upgraded in terms of layout, navigability, adaptation to mobile, etc. The COMPASSS Steering Committee and Benoît Rihoux as COMPASSS legal representative express their deep thanks to Claude on behalf of the global community! For any suggestions or updates, please simply e-mail to Claude (link through the “about” page).

The site also features a new “**Community resources**” section – now including among others a “**Tutorials and Guides**” subsection. Recently published in this subsection: a paper on “**Avoiding Common Errors in QCA: A Short Guide for New Practioners**” by Claude Rubinson, Lasse Gerrits, Roel Rutten, and Thomas Greckhamer (2019) – see: <http://compass.org/community/> .

--2. Events: conferences and workshops

See: <http://compass.org/events/category/conferences/> and <http://compass.org/intlqca/>

- Zurich (Switzerland), 10-11 December 2019, **7th International QCA Expert Workshop 2019** (note: limited nr of participants – quickly contact Johannes Meuer if you have a proposal)
- Zurich (Switzerland), 11-12 December 2019, **3rd International QCA Paper Development Workshop 2019** (note: deadline for abstract submission was 29 Sept)
- Bamberg (Germany), 13-15 February 2019, **ECPR Seasoned Scholar Methods Workshop: Multi-Method Designs, Case-Oriented and Comparative Methods** (registrations now open – see link through the “training” page)

--3. QCA training

See: <http://compasss.org/events/category/training/>

- Irvine (California, USA), 23 October 2019: **Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) in Research on Environment, Conflict, and Peace**
- Manchester (UK), 25 October 2019: **Training Day: Fuzzy Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis (fsQCA)**
- Arlington (Virginia, USA), 4 December 2019 (12th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination & Implementation in Health): **Pre-Conference Workshop on Coincidence Analysis**
- Aussois (Savoie, France), 6-10 January 2020 (International Winter School on Public Policy - Alps Edition 2020): **Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)** (call for application closes on 18 Oct; late call for application 21-30 Oct, depending on availability)
- Bamberg (Germany), 14-15 February 2020 (ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques), **Foundations of case-oriented and set-theoretic thinking and methodology** (registrations now open; "early bird" discount until 29 Oct)
- Bamberg (Germany), 17-21 February 2020 (ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques), **Comparative Research Designs** (registrations now open; "early bird" discount until 29 Oct)
- Bamberg (Germany), 17-21 February 2020 (ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques), **Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)** (registrations now open; "early bird" discount until 29 Oct)
- Bamberg (Germany), 17-21 February 2020 (ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques), **Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA** (registrations now open; "early bird" discount until 29 Oct)
- Irvine (CA, USA), 26-28 March 2020, **Southern California QCA Workshop** (soon on the [www](#))

--4. Publications and bibliographical database

See: <http://compasss.org/bibliography/>

- The **WorldCat listing for books** now contains 72 books.
- The **COMPASSS Article Bibliography** (Zotero) now includes 1015 methodological and QCA empirical application articles.

--5. Working papers

See: <http://compasss.org/working-papers-series/>

Most recent working papers:

- Christensen, Lotte Dalgaard (WP 2019/93): *When Bioeconomy Policy Objectives (Fail To) Overlap: Rethinking the analysis of necessity to detect causal interdependencies among sustainable development goals in the Nordic bioeconomy strategy*, uploaded on 5 Oct 2019.
- Hofstad, Tore (WP 2019/92): *QCA and the Robustness Range of Calibration Thresholds: How Sensitive are Solution Terms to Changing Calibrations?*, uploaded on 19 May 2019.

--6. Call for expression of interest, 2020 International QCA Summer Workshops

After the 2nd International QCA Summer Workshops that took place in Antwerp (22-24 May 2019), potential hosts are welcome for the 2020 edition. If potentially interested: please write to benoit.rihoux@uclouvain.be no later than 8 December – preferably in November. The date slot is flexible in 2020, between ca. April and July.

--7. People in COMPASSS operations

See: <http://compasss.org/about/>

- Sophia Seung-Yoon Lee has concluded her term as chair of the Steering Committee (SC) and now joins the broader Advisory Board. Many thanks to Sophia for her animation of the SC in 2017-2019.
- Konan Anderson Seny Kan and Eva Thomann are taking over the coordination of the Steering committee, as joint chairs for the 2019-2021 period. Many thanks to both in advance.

On behalf of the COMPASSS management team (composition at: <http://compasss.org/about/>),
Prof. Benoît Rihoux