



## **Call for Papers**

# **Qualitative Comparative Analysis - Social Science Applications and Methodological Challenges**

**January 15/16, 2015 | Tilburg University, the Netherlands**

Since the publication of the seminal work “The Comparative Method” by Charles Ragin in 1987, set-theoretic methods and especially Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) have become a common research strategy in the social sciences. Over the last decades, scholars from sociology, organization studies, and political science have not only deepened their knowledge on design questions and technical details related to QCA, but have also produced an increasing amount of studies using QCA in its different forms (csQCA, fsQCA, mvQCA and also tQCA) that have led to interesting new insights and created new research agendas.

Nevertheless, there still are challenges, pitfalls and open questions regarding QCA applications and it is important to further exchange ideas and insights across the various disciplines. For the planned conference, we invite empirically oriented research papers in sociology, organization studies, and political science that use QCA. These could be papers reporting advanced results (up to the level of reporting truth tables and solution paths) or presenting research projects that are still in the making.

We especially encourage submissions that focus on methodological issues or make an interesting contribution to methodological questions such as “QCA and mixed methods”, “QCA and large N”, temporal aspects of QCA or use/demonstrate new computer applications like QCA with R.

Please indicate in your submission whether you regard your contribution as a full fledged research paper or as “QCA in the making”.

We invite both young and established scholars from sociology, organization studies, and political science to present their promising work. The aim of this conference is to showcase interesting results and new developments in these fields in set-theoretic research that are inspiring across

disciplines. It is intended to publish the best papers in a special issue. This conference adds to the two previous editions in Hamburg (May 2012) and Frankfurt (November 2013) and will be run in a similar format. No conference fee will be charged.

Prior to the conference, on January 14 and 15, an **Introductory Workshop to QCA** by Jonas Buche and Markus Siewert from the Goethe University Frankfurt is offered. You can register for the workshop via email to Jonas Buche ([buche@soz.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:buche@soz.uni-frankfurt.de)). The registration fee for the workshop is 150€. The number of participants for the workshop is limited to 20, so we ask for early registration. The minimum number of participants is 12. Admission takes place in the order of applications.

For location and route description see <http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/contact/route/>

Please send your paper proposal (200 – 300 words) to the local organizer Jörg Raab ([QCA2015@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:QCA2015@tilburguniversity.edu)) by **September 15, 2014**. Deadline for accepted papers is December 31, 2014.

If you just want to register for the conference please send an email to [QCA2015@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:QCA2015@tilburguniversity.edu) by **December 19, 2014**.

**Conference Organizers:**

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