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**Comparative methods B: comparative methods in public administration –the value of looking around**

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Abstract:

The chapter proceeds as follows: The next section describes the comparative method by discussing the approaches of most similar and most dissimilar cases design as a classical as well as combined research design of comparison and causal analysis. We also include brief descriptions of recent approaches, like difference in difference. The third part presents applications of comparative methods in the field of PA with a particular focus on typologies, case studies, survey methods and indices. In the fourth section we summarize our main results and give a short overview of possible future developments in CPA.