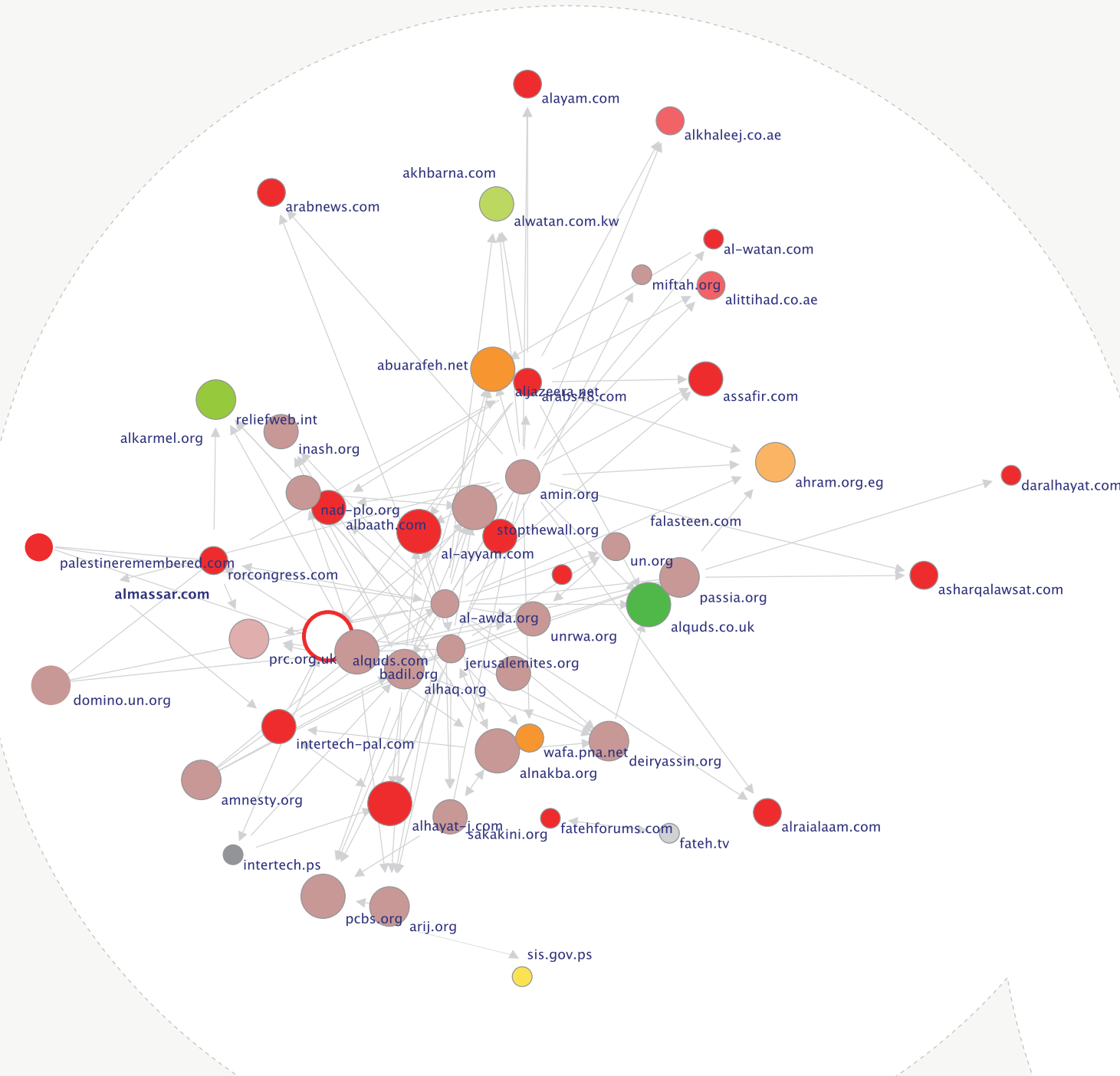


The Palestinian Political Webs: Separate Spheres?

Fatah-related and Hamas-related Networks Compared



Fatah-related sites
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Legend:

- (.org.eg)
- (.org)
- (.com)
- (.co.ae)
- (.net)
- (.co.uk)
- (.com.kw)
- (.tv)
- (.ps)
- (.org.uk)
- (.int)
- (.gov.ps)

What kind of 'state' of the Palestinian Web is suggested by the Fatah-related sites?

Method
Insert Fatah-related sites in Issue Crawler.
Perform co-link analysis. Render as spring map.

Findings
Fatah's Palestinian Web may be characterized primarily as a 'civic Web'. Fatah-related websites link to each other as well to Palestinian NGOs, Palestinian Media and to a lesser extent to International NGOs and Media. There are no links to other Palestinian political actors or to any official .ps websites.

What kind of 'state' of the Palestinian Web is suggested by the Hamas-related sites?

Method
Insert Hamas-related sites in Issue Crawler.
Perform co-link analysis. Render as spring map.

Findings
The Hamas-affiliated news agency, Palestine Information Center, has numerous mirrored websites in various languages, hosted and registered under the main domain name Palestine-Info, with different domain extensions (Palestine-info.info, Palestine-info.co.uk, Palestine-info.net, etc).

These sites, together with other Hamas-related websites do not link out to other (Palestinian) websites. Instead, they provide links to RSS-feed readers, whereby individuals and other sites may subscribe to Hamas-related content.



All Hamas-related Websites
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Legend:

- (.com)
- (.co.uk)
- (.cc)
- (.info)
- (.ru)

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