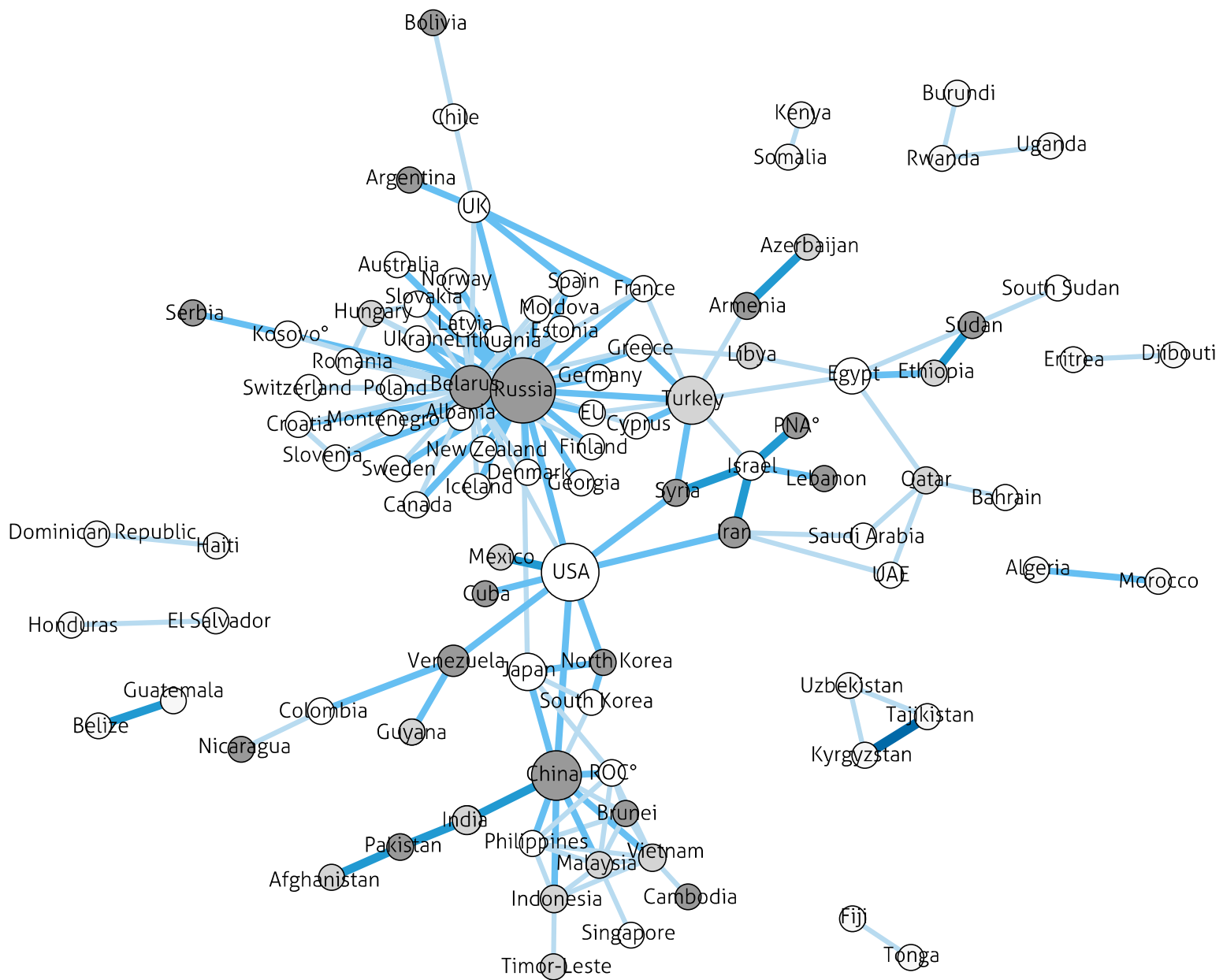


INTERSTATE CONFLICT ALLIANCES 2021



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This network maps all conflictive bilateral relationships (dyads) monitored in 2021, employing a force-determined layout. The graph comprises 97 nodes (representing state and state-like conflict actors) and 149 undirected edges (representing conflict relationships). Node size is determined by betweenness centrality. Edges are sized and colored by conflict intensity. The shading of the nodes in the main component indicates affiliations to alliances in a broad sense (not restricted to formalized, mutual defense pacts), determined on the basis of the relative intensity of conflictive and cooperative (not mapped) relationships between states. While the identified alliance patterns are mainly local or regional, they share cross-regional linkages via major powers; While dark grey and white represent relatively unambiguous alliance affiliations, light grey represents ambiguous affiliations, extending into both of the established camps and possibly constituting a third camp. Alliance patterns are not extended to the ten independent components, manually placed near their regional affiliates. State-like entities with contested international status are marked with a degree symbol (°). The EU is treated as an independent actor.