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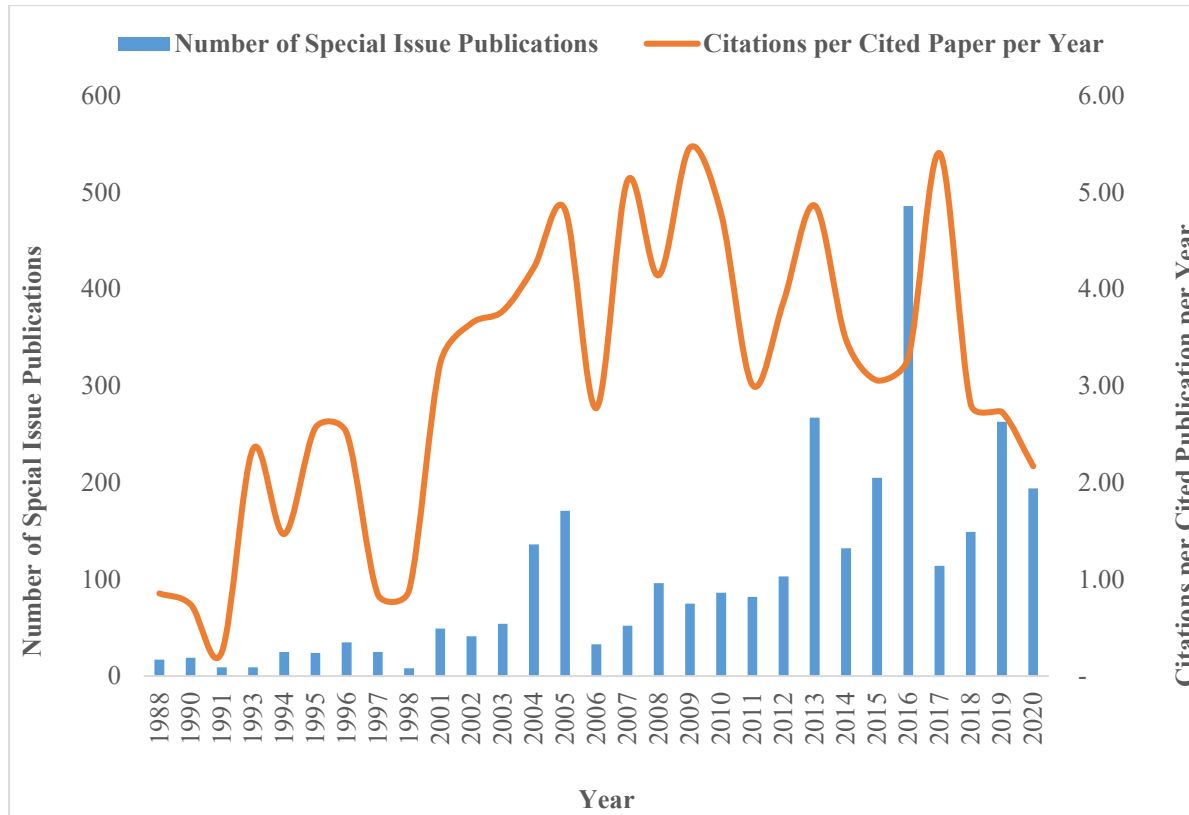


Fig 1: Distribution of *JBR* special issue publications and citations during the period 1973-2020



Fig 2. Co-citation of journals in *JBR* special issues

Notes: Using VOSviewer and Gephi applications, this figure demonstrates the co-citations of journals in the *JBR* SIs. Size of the nodes depicts citations of the journals in SIs. Links or arrows indicate co-citations. Color depicts the thematic clusters.

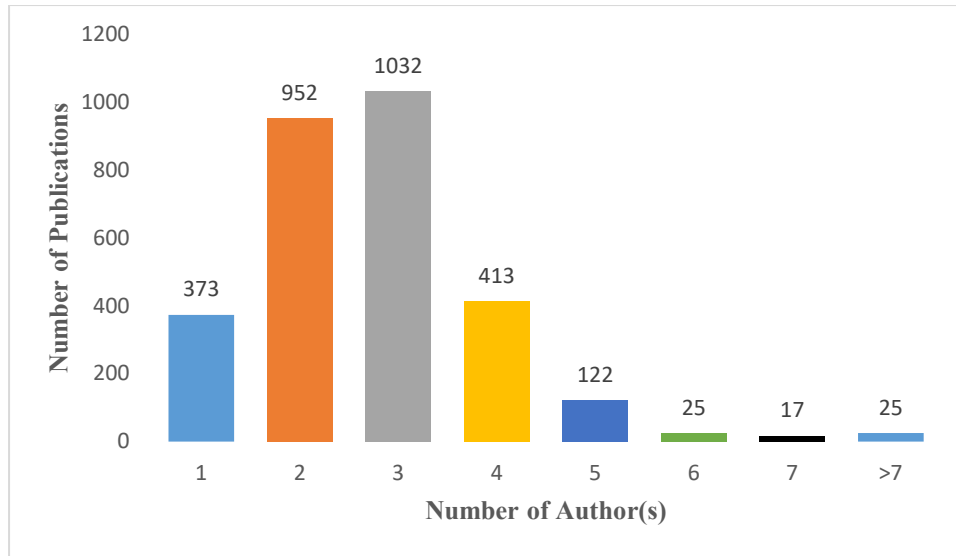


Fig. 3. Authors' collaboration in *JBR* special issues during the period 1973-2020

Note: This figure distributes the number of publications by the number of authors in *JBR* SIs during the period 1973-2020.

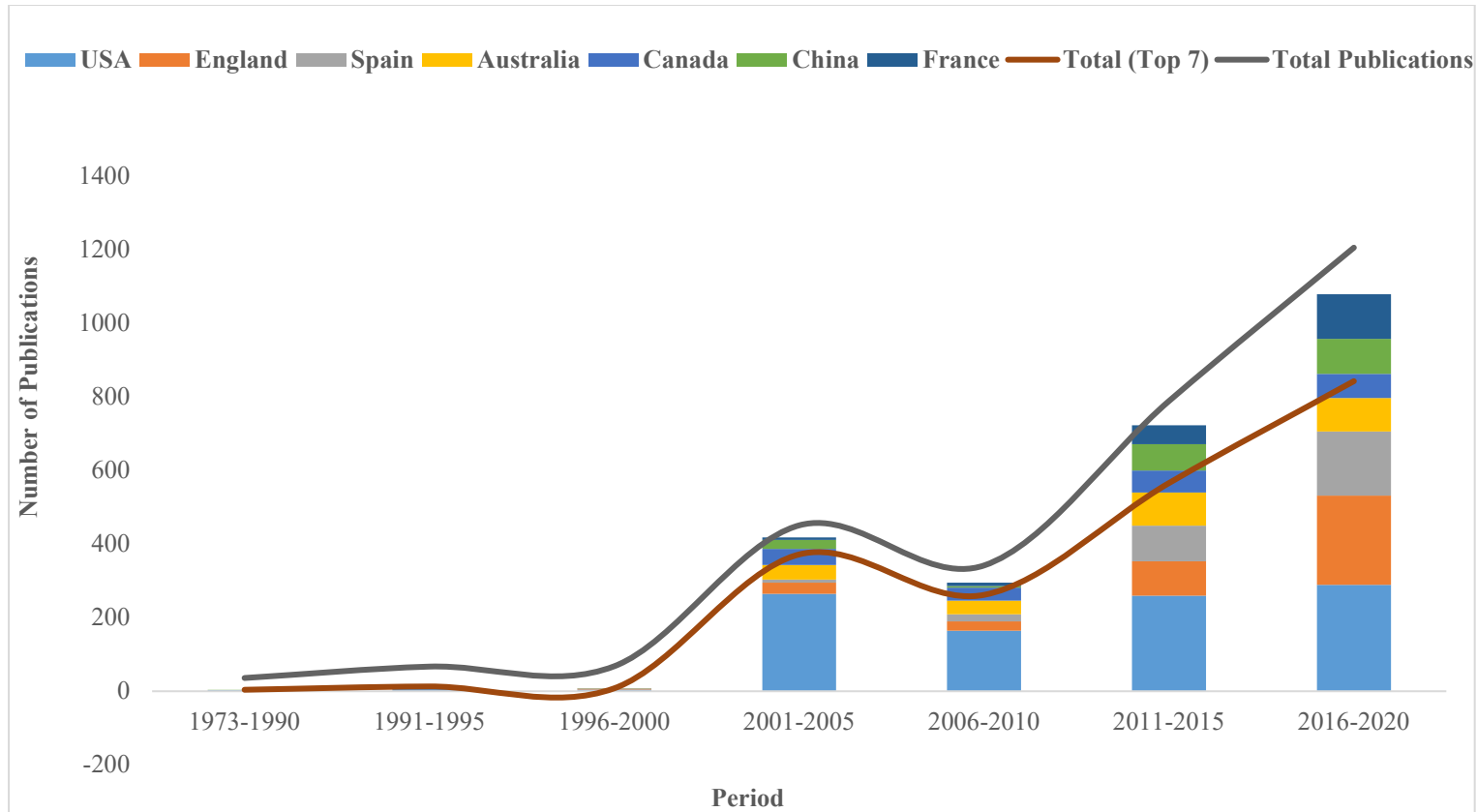


Fig. 4. Top seven countries' publications in *JBR* special issues during different periods between 1973 and 2020

Notes: This figure depicts the contribution share of the top seven authors' affiliated countries in successive periods. It also compares the top 7's trend versus the total contributions of *JBR* SI publications during the period 1973-2020. The total of top 7 countries excludes repetition of articles.

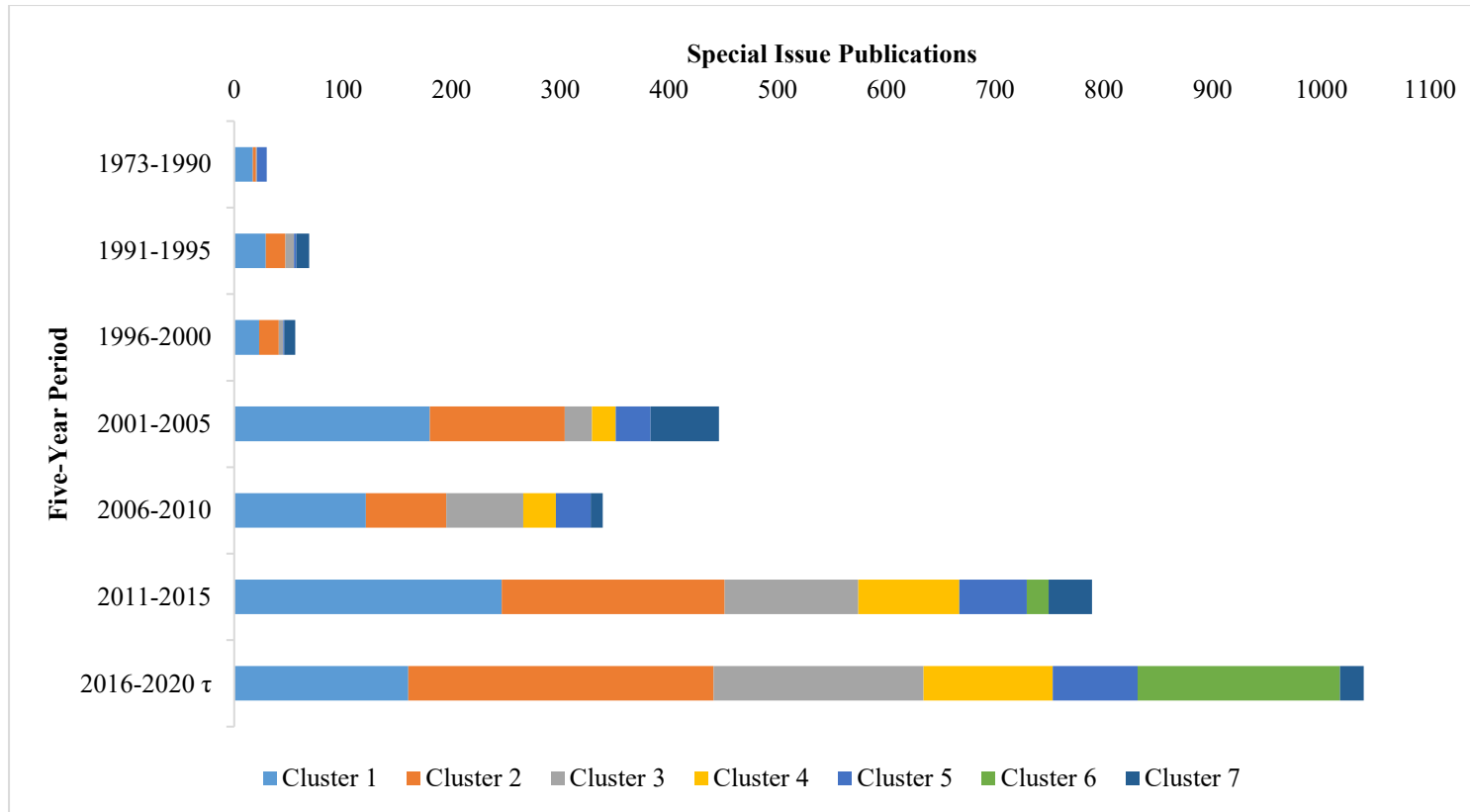


Fig. 5. Evolution of *JBR* special issue clusters during the period 1973-2020

Note: Using VOSviewer, this figure depicts the evolution of the bibliographic coupling clusters of *JBR* SI documents cited at least once between 1973 and 2020.

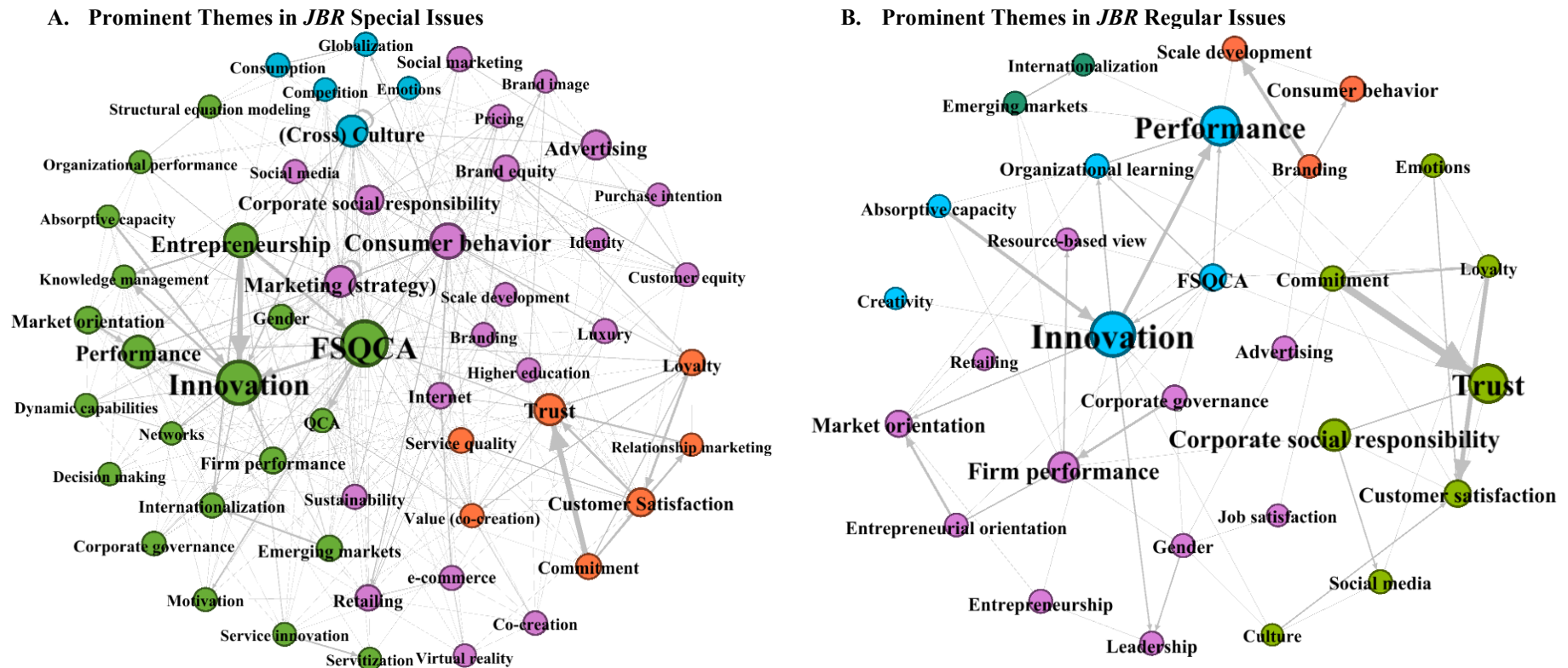


Fig. 6. Prominent themes in *JBR* special versus regular issues during the period 1973-2020

Notes: This figure compares the prominent special versus regular issues' themes in *JBR*. Each node represents a *JBR* theme. Size of the nodes denotes occurrence. Color of the nodes depicts the thematic clusters. Thickness of the arrows joining the nodes depicts co-occurrence of *JBR* themes.

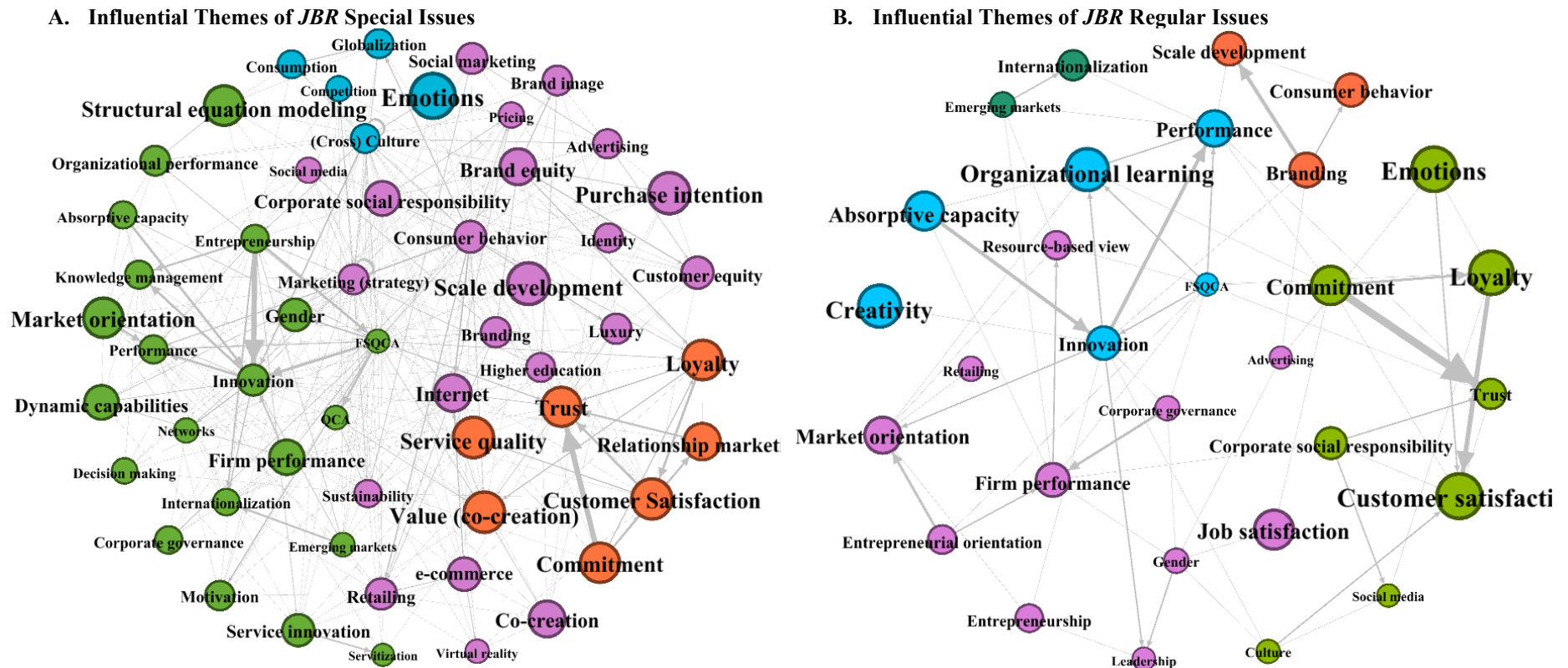


Fig. 7. Influential themes in *JBR* special versus regular issues during the period 1973-2020

Notes: This figure compares the influential special versus regular issues' themes in *JBR*. Each node represents a *JBR* theme. Size of the nodes denote average citations. Color of the nodes depicts the thematic clusters. Thickness of the arrows joining the nodes depicts co-occurrence of *JBR* themes.

Appendix A

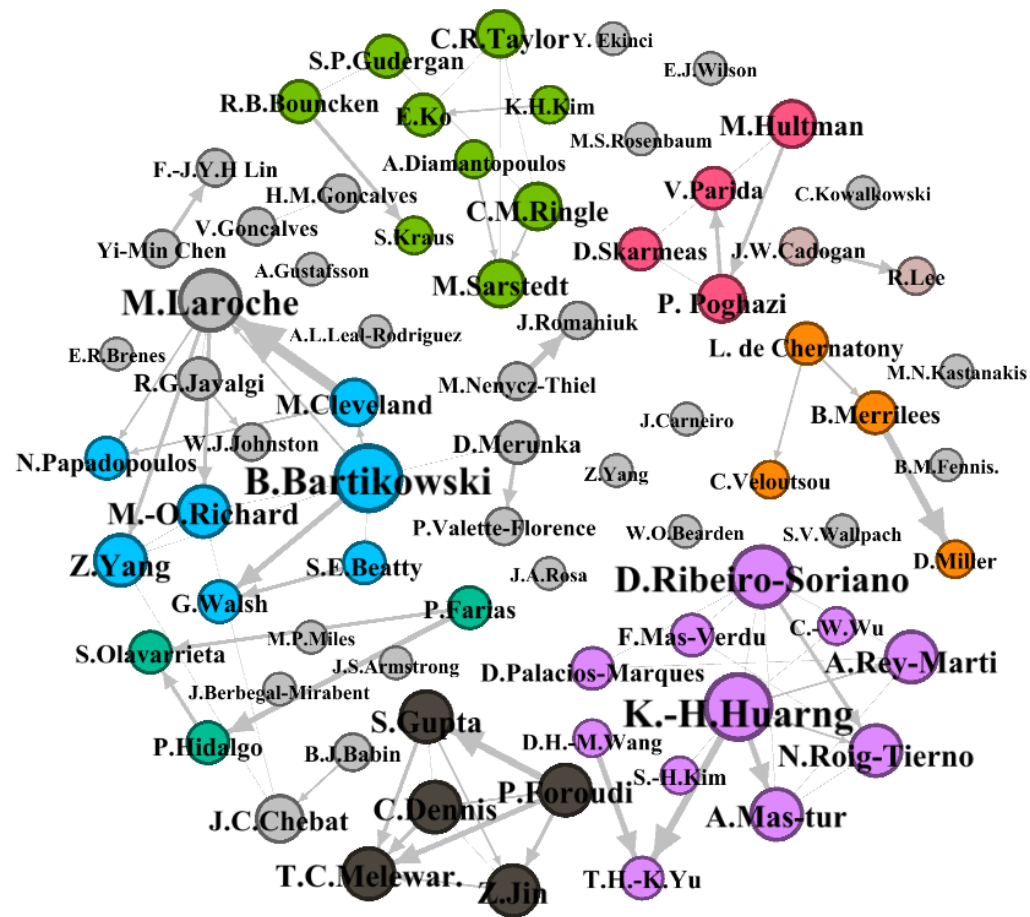


Fig. A1. Co-authorship of authors in *JBR* special issues during the period 1973-2020

Notes: Using VOSviewer and Gephi applications, this figure shows the co-authorship network of authors, publishing minimum 5 documents with at least 100 citations, in *JBR* SIs during the period 1973-2020. Here, color of the nodes depicts the modularity class (clusters) of the *JBR* SI authors. Size of the nodes depicts the degree or prominence of the author within the network. Strength of the links or arrows indicates co-authorships.

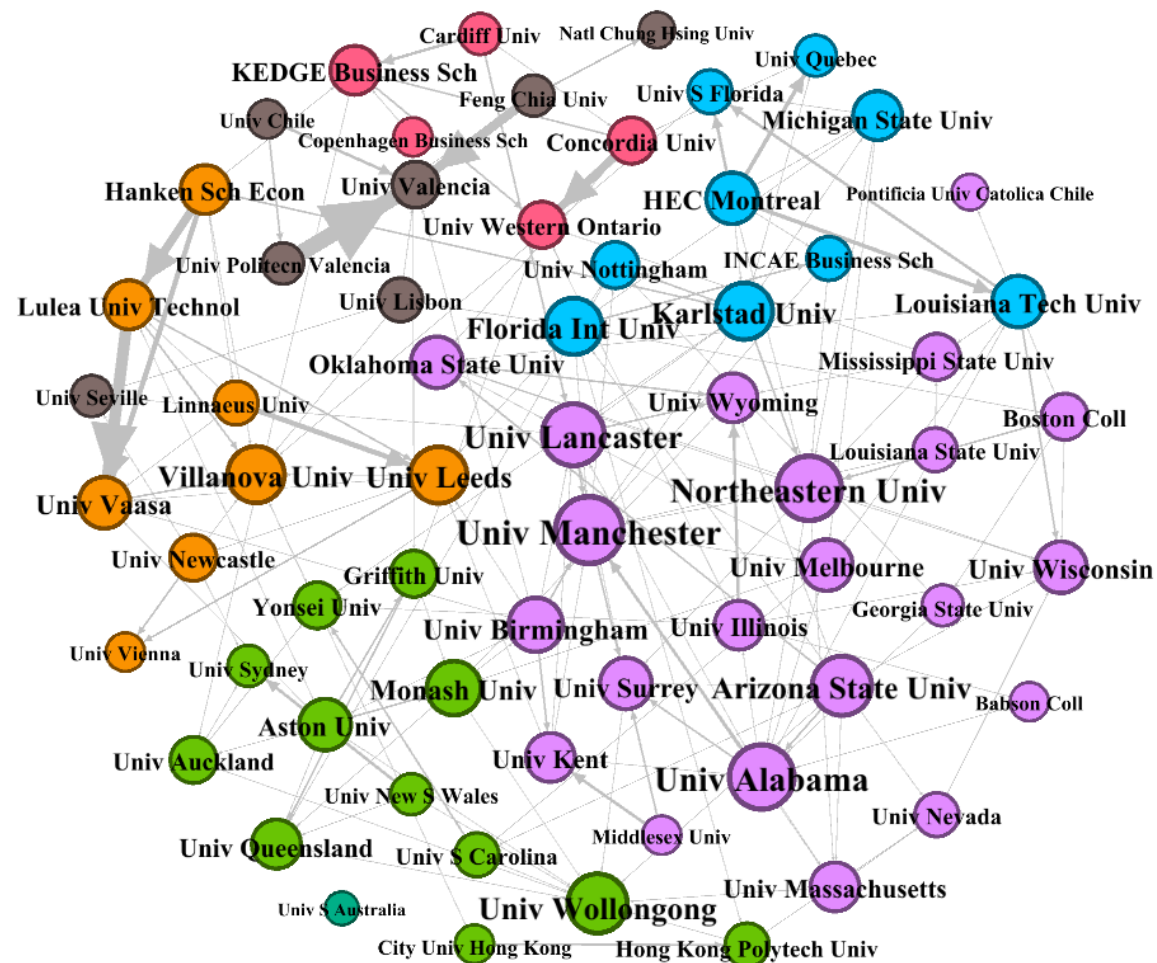


Fig. A2. Co-authorship of authors-affiliated institutions in *JBR* special issues during the period 1973-2020

Notes: Using VOSviewer and Gephi applications, this figure shows the co-authorship network of authors' affiliating institutions, publishing minimum 15 documents with at least 100 citations, in *JBR* SIs during the period 1973-2020. Here, color of the nodes depicts the modularity class (clusters) of the *JBR* SI authors' affiliations. Size of the nodes depicts the degree or prominence of the institutions within the network. Strength of the links or arrows indicates co-authorships.

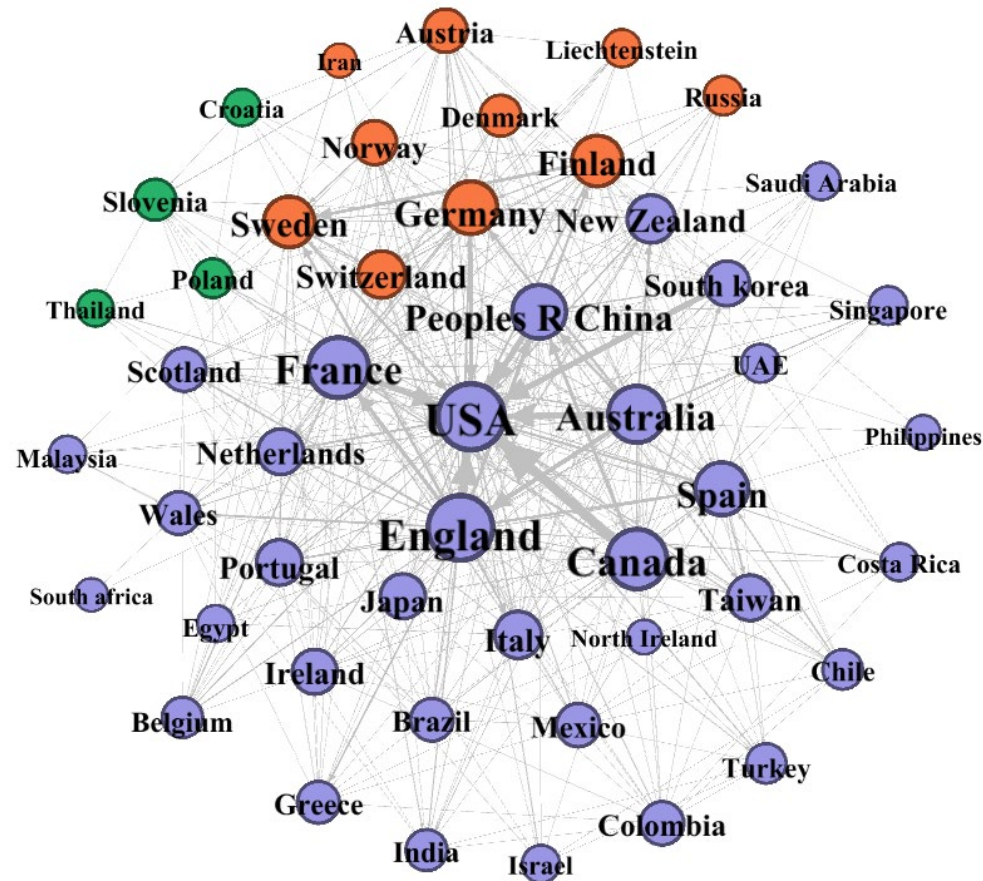


Fig. A3. Co-authorship of authors-affiliated countries in *JBR* special issues during the period 1973-2020

Notes: Using VOSviewer and Gephi applications, this figure shows the co-authorship network of authors' affiliating countries, publishing minimum 5 documents with at least 100 citations, in *JBR* SIs during the period 1973-2020. Here, color of the nodes depicts the modularity class (clusters) of the *JBR* SI authors' affiliated countries. Size of the nodes depicts the degree or prominence of the countries within the network. Strength of the links or arrows indicates co-authorships.