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E-mail address: vuresearchportal.ub@vu.nl The global fight against climate change has moved beyond the confines of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Thousands of cities, regions, companies, and other non-governmental organizations are joining transnational initiatives to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to slowing down global warming. In 'Making the connections: Exploring structure, performance, and coordination in a fragmented global climate governance system', Oscar Widerberg explores what the influx of new actors and initiatives means for global climate governance. He develops new methods based on network theory to map the structure of global climate governance; assesses whether the new system is effective, legitimate and accountable; and, if and how one could steer the system in a desired direction. The thesis contributes to the ongoing vibrant academic and political debates on how to deal with the increasing complexity facing humanity in dealing with one of the defining challenges of our time, climate change.

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