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ABSTRACT:

This paper examines the vulnerabilities of three global coastal cities ? Mumbai, Rio de Janeiro and Shanghai ? to climate hazards. The paper highlights system characteristics that, in unique combinations, create place-based vulnerabilities to climate hazards. It describes these vulnerabilities then discusses the implications of the results for city planners and managers. A concluding section assesses some of the political obstacles to better disaster preparedness.

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