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THE RESPONSE OF GEOMORPHIC SYSTEMS TO GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE:

IMPLICATIONS FOR HAZARD AND RISK

Rapidly changing global processes responsible for destabilising geomorphic systems are identified and examined with reference to specific contemporary contexts, including fluvial, coastal, hillslope, and agricultural systems. Compared to the chronic effects of climate change, human interventions can be acute, far reaching and govern system behaviour by amplifying or dampening system response to change.

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