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Management Complexities for Global Heritage Cities

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The map of global heritage cities
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This research focuses on the management complexity of historic urban landscapes inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List within the key cities of the global urban network, referred to as global heritage cities. It aims to understand and explain the complexities emerging from the limitations of the existing urban governance and legislative systems, the complex decision-making mechanisms involving a broad range of actors, and the impacts of the rapidly increasing economic and urban development pressures. This aim is achieved through the conceptualisation of the global heritage city notion within a framework that integrates the global urbanisation discourse to the field of urban heritage management. For this purpose, a multiple case study is employed where large-scale development projects threatening the integrity and

authenticity of the urban heritage sites inscribed on the World Heritage List within the global cities of Mexico City, Istanbul and Paris are analysed. The assessment of these cases leads to the identification and mapping of the factors contributing to the management complexities of global heritage cities, which further contributes to the better understanding of the exclusive status of global heritage cities and the future adoption of effective instruments convenient for worldwide practices. In this way, this research makes an original contribution to literature by elaborating an innovative conceptual framework that incorporates the size, scope and complexities of global cities to the heritage and governance discourses. It is also the first study where the management practices of the selected global heritage cities are examined.