Record Nr. UNINA9910793847403321 Autore **Fuchs Anne Titolo** Precarious Times: Temporality and History in Modern German Culture / / Anne Fuchs Pubbl/distr/stampa Ithaca, NY:,: Cornell University Press,, [2019] ©2019 **ISBN** 1-5017-3481-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xviii, 322 pages) Collana Signale: Modern German Letters, Cultures, and Thought Disciplina 830.9/33 German literature - 20th century - Themes, motives Soggetti German literature - 21st century - Themes, motives Motion pictures - Germany - History Time in literature Time in motion pictures Anxiety in literature Time and photography Time in art Anxiety in art Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia "A Signale book." Note generali Previously issued in print: 2019. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Illustrations -- Acknowledgments --Abbreviations -- Introduction -- 1. Theoretical Perspectives: Temporal Anxieties in the Digital Age -- 2. Historical Perspectives: Modernism and Speed Politics -- 3. Contemporary Perspectives: Precarious Time(s) in Photography and Film -- 4. Narrating Precariousness -- Epilogue: Presentist Dystopias or the Case for Environmental Humanities --Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto In Precarious Times, Anne Fuchs explores how works of German literature, film, and photography reflect on the profound temporal anxieties precipitated by contemporary experiences of atomization.

displacement, and fragmentation that bring about a loss of history and of time itself and that is peculiar to our current moment. The digital

age places premiums on just-in-time deliveries, continual innovation, instantaneous connectivity, and around-the-clock availability. While some celebrate this 24/7 culture, others see it as profoundly destructive to the natural rhythm of day and night-and to human happiness. Have we entered an era of a perpetual present that depletes the future and erodes our grasp of the past? Beginning its examination around 1900, when rapid modernization was accompanied by comparably intense reflection on changing temporal experience, Precarious Times provides historical depth and perspective to current debates on the "digital now." Expanding the modern discourse on time and speed, Fuchs deploys such concepts as attention, slowness and lateness to emphasize the uneven quality of time around the world.