Record Nr. UNINA9910796719603321 Autore Khalip Jacques Titolo Last Things: Disastrous Form from Kant to Hujar / / Jacques Khalip New York, NY:,: Fordham University Press,, [2018] Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2018 **ISBN** 0-8232-8157-4 0-8232-7956-1 0-8232-7957-X Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (1 PDF (139 pages) :) : illustrations (some color) Lit Z Collana Disciplina 809/.9145 Literature - Philosophy Soggetti Romanticism - History and criticism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- List of Color Plates -- Has- Been --Introduction -- 1. The Unfinished World -- 2. Life Is Gone -- 3. As If That Look Must Be the Last -- Acknowledgments -- Notes -- Index The arrival of the Anthropocene brings the suggestion that we are only Sommario/riassunto now beginning to speculate on an inhuman world that is not for us, only now confronting fears and anxieties of ecological, political, social, and philosophical extinction. While pointing out that reflections on disaster were not foreign to what we historically call romanticism, Last Things pushes romantic thought toward an altogether new way of conceiving the "end of things," one that treats lastness as neither

privation nor conclusion. Through quieter, non-emphatic modes of thinking the end of human thought, Khalip explores lastness as what

romanticism—and romantic studies—within the key of the last, Khalip refuses to elegize or celebrate our ends, instead positing romanticism as a negative force that exceeds theories, narratives, and figures of survival and sustainability. Each chapter explores a range of romantic and contemporary materials: poetry by John Clare, Emily Dickinson, John Keats, Percy Shelley, and William Wordsworth; philosophical texts by William Godwin, David Hume, Immanuel Kant, and Jean-Jacques

marks the limits of our life and world. Reading the fate of

Rousseau; paintings by Hubert Robert, Caspar David Friedrich, and Paterson Ewen; installations by Tatsuo Miyajima and James Turrell; and photography by John Dugdale, Peter Hujar, and Joanna Kane. Shuttling between temporalities, Last Things undertakes an original reorganization of romantic thought for contemporary culture. It examines an archive on the side of disappearance, perishing, the inhuman, and lastness.