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***The Truth of Democracy*
In memory of Jean-Luc Nancy (1940-2021)**

«It is not only a matter (...) of grasping a “spirit of democracy”, but first of all of thinking that democracy is *spirit* before being form, institution, political and social regime. What might appear inconsistent, “spiritualistic” and “idealistic” in this proposition contains, instead, the most real, concrete, and pressing necessity» (J.-L. NANCY, *Verità della democrazia*, Cronopio, Naples, 2009, p. 31): a *metaphysical* necessity, because democracy «is first of all a metaphysics, and only secondly a politics» (ivi, p. 68). If human being infinitely exceeds human being, the *truth of democracy* consists of “regime of meaning” according to which «the “common”, the *demos*, can be sovereign only under a condition that distinguishes it from the sovereign assumption of the State and from from any political configuration» (ivi, p. 41).

It is around this condition, conceived in a philosophically essential way by Jean-Luc Nancy, that we need to reflect in order to analyse the profound reasons at the bases of authentically democratic society. This Call invites us to further explore the speculative density of this thought and its possible practical implications.

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