Weak thought (pensiero debole) is a specific version of hermeneutics developed by Gianni Vattimo in the 1980es. One of the central aspects of the view was the idea that the philosophy of interpretation (as presented by Hans-Georg Gadamer, Paul Ricoeur, Luigi Pareyson) could be developed not properly as 'weak thought' but as 'thought of weak people': voice of the unfortunate parts of society, and discourse pronounced in their defence. This is the aspect that connects weak thought to Christianity, and creates the paradoxical but plausible view of a 'nihilistic Jesus', who questions the (false) truths of the scribes, the priests and the Pharisee.

The workshop has the aim to deepen both the theoretical hypothesis and its political implications. The questions at the core of the discussion will be:

What is Weak thought?
What are its political upshots?
What is the meaning of 'weakness' in a more broad, interdisciplinary perspective (in particular: in relation to metaphysics, logic, epistemology)?

Program

Chair: Elena Ficara

2.30-2.45pm welcome (Volker Peckhaus/Elena Ficara/Antonio Roselli)

2.45pm-3.30pm
Gianni Vattimo (Torino)
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coffee

4pm-5pm
Round Table with Jc Beall, Franca D'Agostini, Katerina Mihaylova, Volker Peckhaus, Antonio Roselli on weakness in logic, metaphysics, epistemology and politics

5pm-5.30pm
General discussion

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