

# Rebecca Moccia Over the Weekend and the Evenings

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# OVER THE WEEKEND AND THE EVENINGS

The exhibition showcases the transmedial approach of Rebecca Moccia's practice, presenting a series of the artist's recent works that range from thermal imaging, to weaving, to photography. These works were created across Japan, the United States, South Korea, England, and Italy, are part of her extensive research on the emotional state of loneliness and its politicisation (*Ministry of Loneliness* 2022-2024).

A central presence in the installation is a large wool and recycled plastic fibre tapestry, created in collaboration with Giovanni Bonotto. Through this work, the artist engages in dialogue with the 15th-century frescoes of the palace.

# REBECCA MOCCIA

Rebecca Moccia (Naples, 1992) is an artist whose transdisciplinary practice explores the materiality of perceptual and emotional states that can emerge from specific characteristics of physical and social space.

Rebecca Moccia's works have been exhibited at the 15th Gwangju Biennale, OGR Torino, Oberhausen International Short Film Festival, ICA Milano, Jupiter Woods, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Zegna Foundation, Mazzoleni London-Torino, the IIC Brussels, Galeria Madragoa, Museo Novecento Florence, Cripta747, among others.

Between 2021 and 2023, she won the OGR award from the CRT Foundation (Artissima), the ArteVisione Prize promoted by Careof, and the international research grant from the Ministry of Culture (Italian Council X-DGCC) for the project Ministry of Loneliness, developed in collaboration with ICA Milano, Magazzino Italian Art (New York), Outset (London), Nanzan University (Nagoya), IIC Seoul, and Seoul Institute of the Arts (Seoul), among others.

Rebecca Moccia is an activist and one of the founding members of AWI - Art Workers Italia.

# MINISTRIES OF LONELINESS

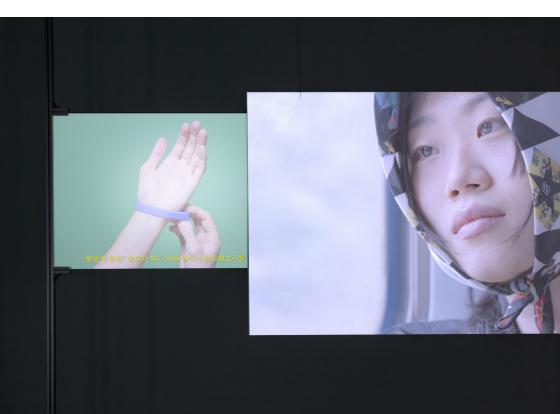
Ministries of Loneliness (2023-2024) is part of a body of work exploring contemporary loneliness and its connection to neoliberal socio-political structures. Developed over the past three years, the project spans various cultural and geographical contexts, including the UK, US, Japan, South Korea, and Italy. Its conceptual and symbolic foundation stems from the UK's Ministry of Loneliness, established in 2018 and later mirrored in several liberal democracies following the Covid-19 pandemic.

This pervasive sense of loneliness in Western societies is examined through a layered, multi-channel video installation. The work juxtaposes a range of materials gathered by the artist – parliamentary archives, scientific and literary sources, as well as personal testimonies and encounters – creating a complex, immersive narrative.

The audio-visual installation *Ministries of Loneliness* is co-produced by Careof as part of the 10th edition of ArteVisione and was first presented at Fondazione ICA Milan in 2023. For the Italian Pavilion at the 15th Gwangju Biennale, a new chapter of the work was developed with support from the IIC Seoul and the Seoul Institute of the Arts.

The exhibition features stills from the latest phase of the project, filmed in Korea after Rebecca Moccia's residency and research workshop with students at the Seoul Institute of the Arts. These images reflect insights and discussions on individuality and collectivity in Korean society, particularly in relation to the cherry blossom phenomenon. Additional excerpts capture a train journey from Seoul to Gwangju, where two students discuss migration and competitiveness from both historical and contemporary perspectives, alongside the emotional states tied to these experiences.

Rebecca Moccia, *Ministries of Loneliness*, 2024. Installation view at Dong-gok Museum of Art. Courtesy the Artist and Italian Pavilion – 15th Gwangju Biennale. Ph. Parker McComb



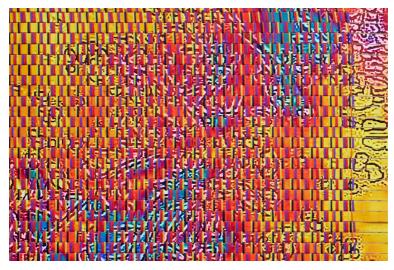




# COLD AS YOU ARE

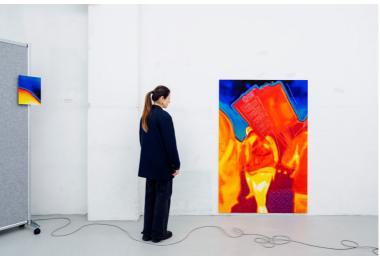
Cold As You Are (2022-2024) consists of a series of thermal images on cotton paper, forming an emotional reportage of places, bodies, and situations encountered during the artist's research on contemporary loneliness.

In this context, Rebecca Moccia explores thermography both for its ability to capture sensitive aspects of certain situations that go beyond the visual – enhancing emotional perception – and as a means to critically examine the flexible yet invisible neoliberal infrastructure. She investigates the systems of vision connected to this infrastructure, which influence individuals through forms of intimate governance, shaping emotions like loneliness that are both characteristic of contemporary society and functional to sustaining the neoliberal model itself.



Detail of thermal image on cotton paper woven with wool yarns, produced in collaboration with the weaving workshop of the Community of San Patrignano as part of the exhibition *Atmosferica*, curated by llaria Bonacossa at Fondazione Zegna (2024).



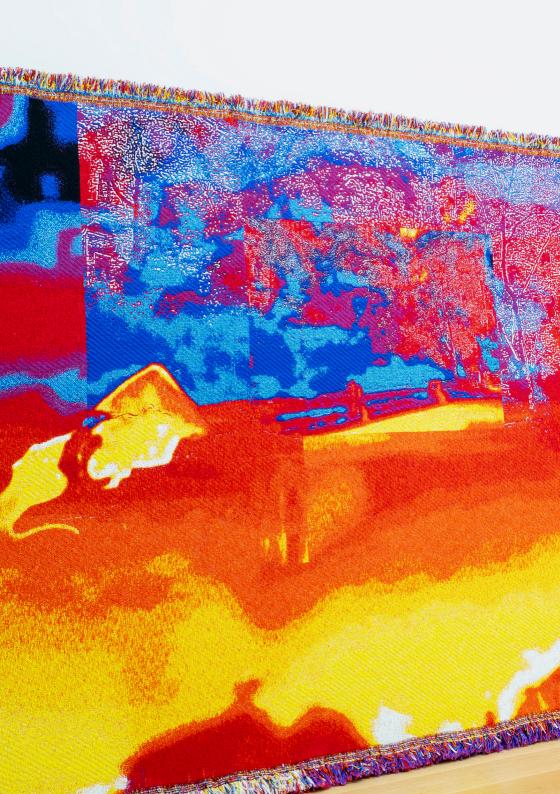


Rebecca Moccia, *Cold As You Are*, 2022. Installation view, *Ministry of Loneliness*, curated by Chiara Nuzzi, ICA Milano, 2023. Ph. Diego Mayon

# A BODY IN FLAMES

Following the format of a panorama, the tapestry *A Body in Flames* (2023), created in collaboration with Giovanni Bonotto, brings together multiple thermographic images taken by the artist in Japan, the US, England, and Italy.

In this work, the temperature of both human and non-human subjects is conveyed not only through the chromatic range of the digital-thermal image but also through the materiality of the chosen yarns. The tapestry is woven from wool and recycled plastic fibers, selected for their differing abilities to retain heat and for the contrasting softness or roughness of their textures.







Rebecca Moccia's exhibition is part of *Law is Art!*, the project launched by LCA in 2013, aimed at promoting art, especially contemporary art, outside the classic circuits.

To support and make contemporary art more accessible, LCA has involved Italian artists such as Francesco Arena, Stefano Arienti, Letizia Battaglia, Botto & Bruno, Mattia Bosco, Chiara Camoni, Silvia Camporesi, Letizia Cariello, Loris Cecchini, Rä di Martino, Franco Guerzoni, Michele Guido, Sabrina Mezzaqui, Brigitte March Niedermair, Marinella Senatore, Marta Spagnoli, Alessandra Spranzi, Tatiana Trouvé, Silvio Wolf over the years in solo projects specially designed for its offices, as well as in the historic Palazzo Borromeo in Milan during miart. LCA has been a sponsor of the fair since 2015 through the *LCA for Emergent* prize.

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# MAZZOLENI 🛘

In 2018, Mazzoleni (London – Torino) began representing Rebecca Moccia. Since then, there have been numerous exhibitions showcasing her work.

Her latest project, Ministry of Loneliness, began in 2021 thanks to an international artistic research grant awarded by the Italian Council X (Ministry of Culture - DGCC). To develop the project, the artist undertook residences in the United Kingdom at Outset Climavore Residency, in the United States at Magazzino Italian Art, in Japan at Nanzan University in Nagoya and in South Korea at the Seoul Institute of the Arts. Moccia's research explores loneliness, its politicisation, and the economic and social structures that shape this emotional state and its perception in our daily lives. The project was inspired by the existence of an actual government ministry dedicated to the issue - the "Ministry of Loneliness" in England.

Over more than three years of development, Ministry of Loneliness has been exhibited in both galleries and institutions. In 2023, Moccia's work was exhibited at Mazzoleni Torino, following a solo exhibition at Fondazione ICA in Milan that summer. Additional presentations have taken place at Fondazione Zegna, OGR Torino, Jupiter Woods (London), Officine Saffi (Milan), Palazzo Re Rebaudengo (Guarene), the non-profit space Cripta747 (Turin) and Galeria Madragoa (Lisbon). In addition, Moccia won the ArteVisione 2022 award from Careof, which enabled the production of a video project, Ministries of Loneliness, which premiered at the Oberhausen Short Film Festival in 2023.

This extensive project, which comprises a body of works created through various media, including photography, moving images, sculpture, and the aforementioned video, was further developed during Moccia's participation in the latest Gwangju Biennale. She represented the Italian Pavilion at the invitation of the Italian Cultural Institute in Seoul, in collaboration with the Italian Embassy in Korea and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Over the Weekend and the Evenings at Palazzo Borromeo is a natural continuation of this journey. The exhibition features photographic works derived from thermal images, which documented the research process like a reportage, stills from the video developed in South Korea in collaboration with students from the Seoul Institute of the Arts and presented at the Gwangju Biennale, a woven work and a large tapestry created with Giovanni Bonotto.

The artist and Mazzoleni are delighted to collaborate on this project with LCA Studio Legale and all the other partners whose passion makes *Law is Art!* possible: Antonini Milano, Apice, Arte Generali.



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Apice Srl handled the logistical organization, packaging, transportation and installation of the artworks, destined for the Rebecca Moccia exhibition, offering quality service in a reality very close to us, LCA Studio Legale and its prestigious cultural initiatives, part of the traditional *Law is art!* project.

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