

i diari della lambretta

{local storytelling and slow travel, two wheels and small gathering, based in Triveneto with love}

Casso. August, Sunday 17th

maybe i subconsciously link the ilford film's mood and dramatic grain to places with a troubled past.



the same film i shoot in Sarajevo has been used during a lambretta ride to Casso, an hamlet located in the Friuli mountains, about 130 km northwest of Trieste, and about 50 km from our home.



the Vajont dam seen from Casso | ilford 125

the valley near Casso is called the Vajont valley, and it hosts one of the tallest dam in the world (262 m high and 191 m wide), built in 1959. on October 9 in 1963, a massive landslide caused a huge wave, that hitted Casso, the near village Erto (which are located in the mountain over the dam) and flooded five towns (including Longarone) in the valley below.

it happened at 22.39, and it killed more than 2000 people.

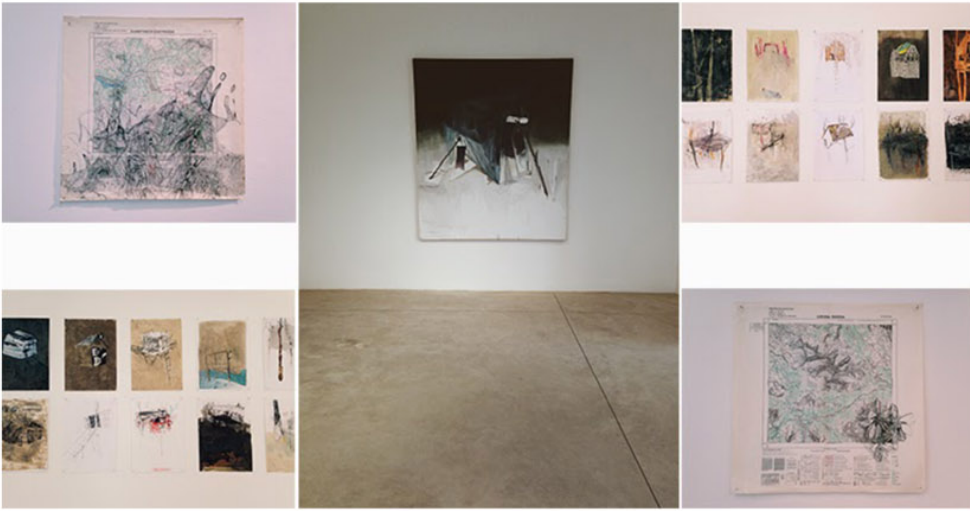
the dam was almost undamaged, so it still stands there, like a huge gravestone. empty, grey, silent.



Casso alleys | ilford 125

now Casso is mostly inhabited, the local populations amounts to about 20 people, so the charming stone houses and the uphill alleys are quiet and intimate.

the former elementary school of the village has been recently used as a contemporary art space, and there was an exhibition going on, called *the inner outside*, about the concept of bivouac (read more here)



glimpse on the inner outside / bivouacs exhibition by Dolomiti Contemporanee in Casso | VSCOcam



the view from the former elementary school of Casso, currently exhibition space of the Dolomiti Contemporanee project | ilford 125



a wooden sign in the village says: small market, quirky things, salami, cheese, books | ilford 125



we couldn't resist a sign like that. so we stopped there to eat a fat fat sandwich with salame and cheese | ilford 125

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