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REVITALIZING CALSAZIO

a mountain village in Piedmont, Italy

My purpose with this thesis is to look into how to revitalize a neglected village that is located in the mountains. Piedmont - a mountainous region - has likewise other regions such as Umbria and Tuscany lots of abandoned and decayed buildings that are needed to be taken care of. I have chosen to work on Calsazio - a mountain village located in Turin, Piedmont. The village is nearly empty with only 4 people living there, needs to be revitalized and modernised. In the Orco Valley where Calsazio is located, there are lots of villages that are similarly neglected. Some of these villages have only a few inhabitants while others have at least 30 inhabitants, but almost all of them has the same problem. They will in the future be completely abandoned if nothing is done with the rapidly declining population. My intention is to study more about the life and architectural style of the mountainous areas and eventually come with a proposal for how the area can be revitalized. As for Calsazio, the village has historical and regional qualities that should be preserved. Some buildings in the village are in need of substantial work like rebuilding, while some need to be renovated or refurbished. The most dilapidated buildings in Calsazio are ruins consisting of just a few walls with barely a roof.

My main focus will be on a building in Calsazio - Latitia's house - that will be renovated and will have new elements added. The function of the building might change function but the values of the building will be preserved. To make the project as realistic as possible I will consider about future use of the building. I would like to combine traditional architecture with contemporary updates and additions.