

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Torino, showing a dense urban area with various buildings, roads, and green spaces. The text is overlaid on the image.

Torino: Initial Reactions

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What do we know so far?

Mayor's perspective:

- Desire to bring industry / production back

City currently not optimizing its potential

- No information for visitors
- Rigid codes, restrict development & innovation

Local industries physical locations

- Integrated with housing/other uses as well as other manufacturing/production industries

Overall city built form

- Lack of transparency
- Monotony
- Wonderfully mixed-use but socioec. divide



What do we know so far?

Site observations

- Walled off, isolated, inaccessible
 - Lack of pedestrian infrastructure on the eastern edge
 - Site is not optimized for human scale - automobile centric
 - Surrounding fabric disconnect
- Lack of services for neighbors / area residents
 - Grocery stores, restaurants, jobs (lack of mixed-use that is present in other parts of the city)



What do we know so far?

Site observations (continued)

- Cemetery wall is a big barrier - lost opportunity
- Unwelcoming gateway point for immigrants (Corso Verona)
- Perception of unsafety - why? Justified?
- Unclean, especially the eastern edge
- Market for gravestones, flowers, services related to cemetery



Areas of interest

Transportation

- Commendable pedestrian infrastructure (except at site), decent buses/trains, bikes?

Local perspectives: Identity / pride / nostalgia (how that has changed since Fiat)

- Art, culture, activities for all age groups?
- Is there a desire for more public spaces in the city?

Economic diversity → economic resilience

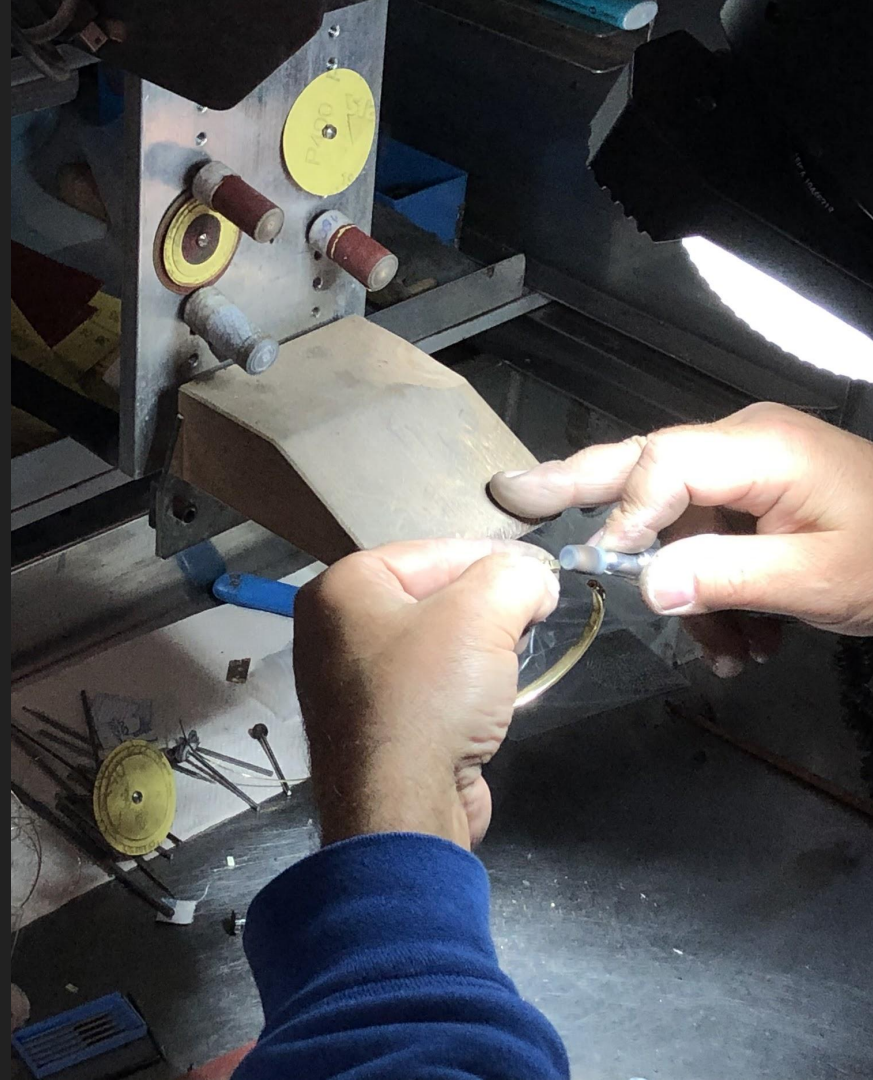
- Food, jewelry, toys, automation, Pirelli.
- Capacity building, vocational training



Areas of interest

Industry

- What are the economic advantages in terms of tax base and jobs?
- What is Torino's strengths in terms of industry?
- Why do the industries that locate here choose Turin?



Outstanding questions

Local perspectives?

- Quality of life? Activities for age groups (indoor and outdoor)?

What is the highest priority challenge?

- Dealing with unused/abandoned buildings?

What are lower priority challenges?

- Pollution? Mental health? Food deserts? unemployment?



Outstanding questions

Is tourism an interest or agenda for the city?
Why / why not?

Are the mental / cultural / logistical barriers to
innovation and design?

Are we sure industry / production are the
answer? Answer to what? Service sector?

- Is there high unemployment? Is the aging
population a problem? Does Turin see
itself as a global city or a local city (what
does it want to be)?

