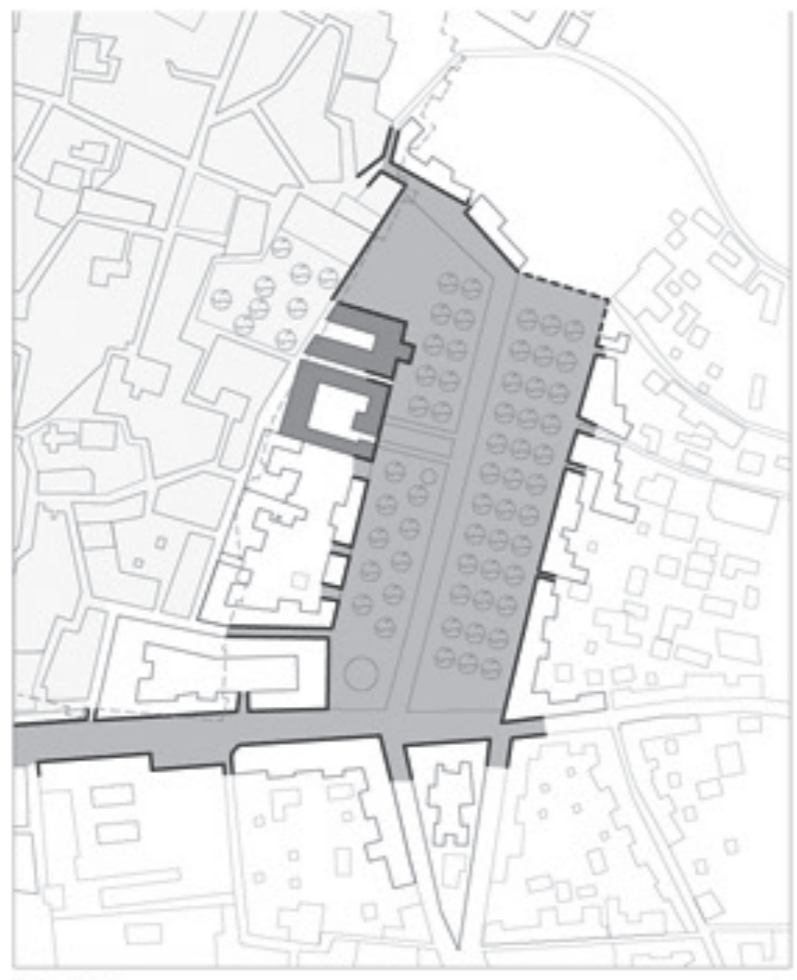
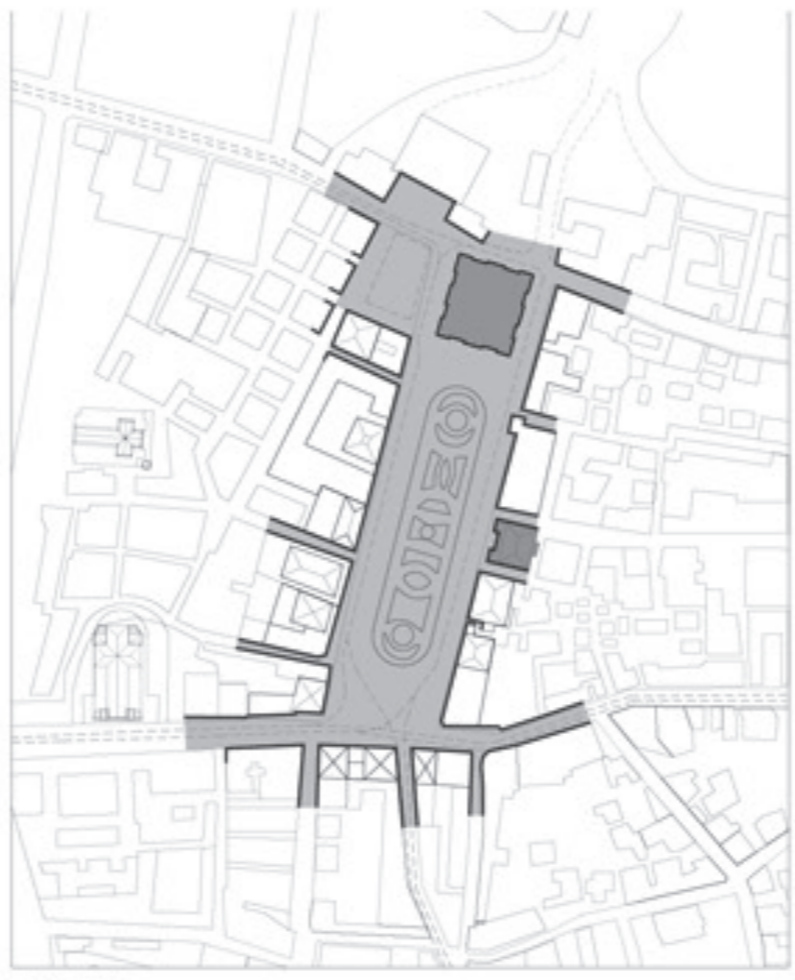




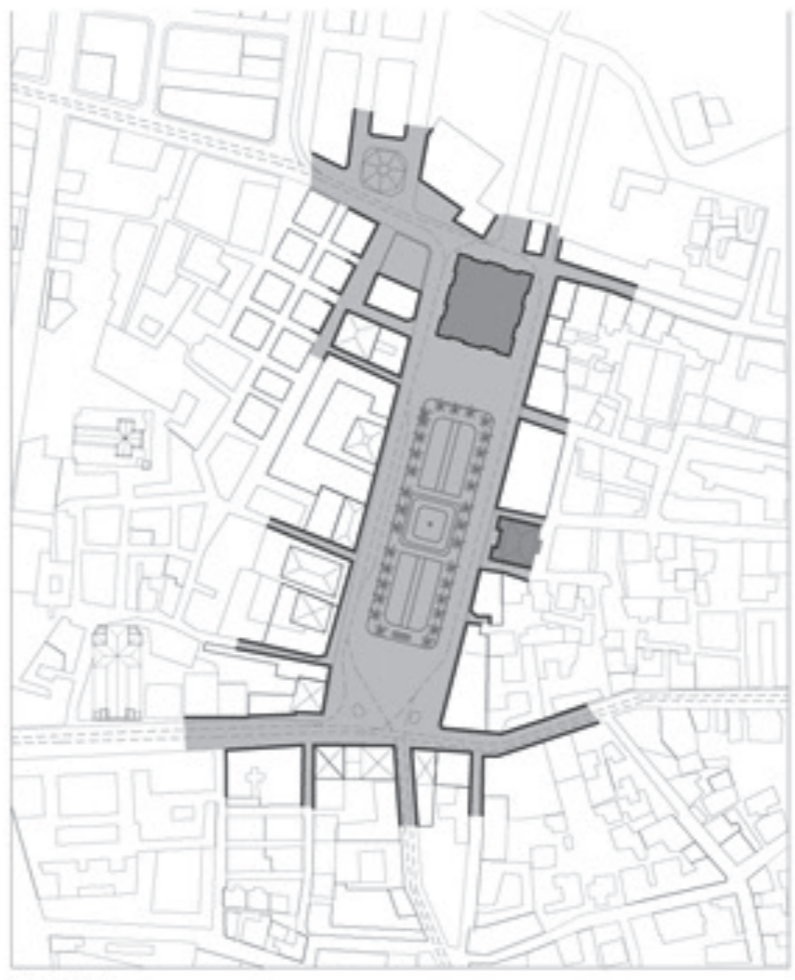
1841
Maidan / Sahat Al Bourj
An open field "maidan" outside the old city walls, with Bourj Al Kashef on its south east edge, a meeting place for travelers and merchants
**based on map by M. Davie*



1876
Sahat Al Bourj / Place des Canons
City growth beyond walls and the square as a contained urban space with mulberry trees and cemetery on north edge
**based on map by J. Loytted*



1920
Muntazah / Al Hamidiyah / Union Square
Square redesign, initiation of tramway lines, and development of central garden "muntazah" - named Al Hamidiyah and briefly Union square



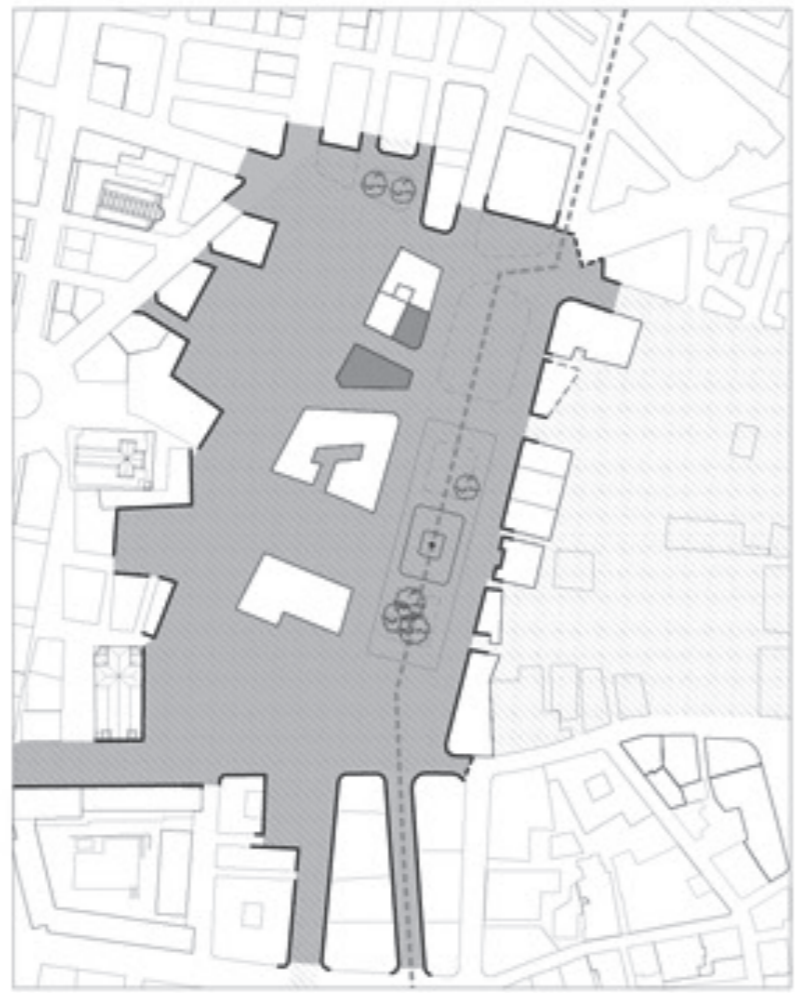
1930
Place Des Canons / Martyrs
Square redesign under mandate as enclosed pond and green space with memorial for martyrs on its southern edge
**based on map by C. Durrafourd*



1950
Place Des Martyrs
Square enlarged with the demolition of Petit Serail, building the new Rivoli Cinema on north, and development of wider street networks



1970
Place Des Martyrs / Bourj Square
Redesign of the square as a leveled platform and the installation of a new memorial for martyrs in its center, bus lines replace the tramway network



1990
Demarcation space
Demarcation line cutting through the square with snipers taking over buildings / massive war toll on the urban fabric



1994
Reconstruction field
Square as a "tabula rasa" space after major demolitions by Solidere of the surviving fabric in preparation for reconstruction



2004
Martyrs Square
Square as an inaccessible road junction with martyrs memorial re-installed and emergence of new landmarks / initiation of Solidere competition for its redesign



2019
Freedom Square / Martyrs Square / Al Saha
The tomb and memorial of Hariri and high-end residential surround the empty square / Square regained post Oct. 17 as a Saha. a field for the collective imaginary

4.9 Morphological Transformation For Martyrs Square

