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Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, Economic Growth, and Economic Uncertainty

Education

B.A. in Economics and Management, Lumière University Lyon 2, July 2019
B.A. in Economics and Management, Royal University of Law and Economics, July 2019

Primary Appointments

Research Associate, Cambodia Development Resource Institute, Phnom Penh, February 2024 –
Junior Research Fellow, Future Forum, Phnom Penh, January 2021–

Other Appointments

Coordinator, East Asia Working Group, Young Scholar Initiative, January 2024 –
Organizer, History of Economic Thought Working Group, Young Scholar Initiative, March 2023 –
Co-Funder, Sethakech, July 2020 –
Member, Young Scholars Initiative, Institute for New Economic Thinking, February 2020 –
Member, Elsevier Advisory Panel, Elsevier, October 2019 –
Executive Committee Member, Chea Sim Reak Chey High School Alumni Association, December 2017 –

Past Appointments

Data Support Officer, Cambodia Development Resource Institute, July 2023 – January 2024
Young Research Fellow, Future Forum, January – December 2020
Country Leadership Trainer, Habitat for Humanity Cambodia, July 2018 – December 2019
Student Representative, Royal University of Law and Economics, October 2016 – September 2019
Program Assistant Intern, Youth Resource Development Program, July – October 2018
Market Research, Royal University of Law and Economics, February – April 2018
Project Coordinator, Youth Resource Development Program, July – December 2017
Volunteer, Market Research, Koonsoor Kampuchea Training Academy, June – September 2017
Volunteer, International Francophone Day, Royal University of Law and Economics, January – March 2017
Volunteer, Campaign to End Violence Against Women, ActionAid Cambodia, January – March 2017
Volunteer, Roadmap to University Success V, Our Own Projects, June – October 2016
Volunteer, Angkor Sankranta, Union of Youth Federations of Cambodia, March – April 2016

Selected Honors, Awards and Grants

Travel Grant, Center for Khmer Studies, November 2023
Travel Grant, Future Forum, May 2022
Travel Grant, Young Scholars Initiative, April 2022
First Prize in Article Award Competition, Cambodia Development Center, June 2020
Best Paper Award, National Bank of Cambodia, with Singhong Ly, December 2018
Ba Phnom Outstanding Student in Literature, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, March 2015

Other Publications

- “Government Ownership of Banks: Diversifying of Potential Products and Factors to Subsidize Agriculture,” Forthcoming at the *Journal of Future Cambodia*, expected in 2024
- “Mapping Study: Youth and Civil Society in Urban Cambodia,” Phnom Penh: Future Forum, October 2022
- “Household Saving and Debt,”(with Summer-Solstice Thomas), Section 4, in *Revisiting the Pandemic: Rapid Survey on the Impact of Covid-19 on MSMEs in the Tourism Sector and Households in Cambodia*, Phnom Penh: The Asia Foundation, June 2021, pp.50–54
- “Rapport de Stage : Assistant de Programme de l’Engagement des Jeunes pour l’Action Sociale,” *Royal University of Law and Economics*, January 2019
- “Reinvigorating Cambodian Agriculture: Transforming from Extensive to Intensive Agriculture,” (with Ly Singhong), *The National Bank of Cambodia*, 2018

Chapters in Books

- “Food Science in Cambodia,” Chapter 13, in Michael Renfrew (ed.), *Micro-Policy Intervention: Contemporary Policy Discussion in Cambodia*, Phnom Penh: Future Forum, 2021, pp. 115–129

Working Papers

- “20 Years of FDI in Cambodia: Towards Upper Middle-Income Status and Beyond,” with Simona Iammarino and Sumontheany Muth, April 2024
- “Cambodian Cassava and COVID-19: An Analysis of Production, Productivity and Gender,” with Kanayama Yuki, December 2023
- “Monetary Policy and Household Income Distribution: An Empirical Analysis from Cambodia,” December 2021

Policy Briefs

- “Monetary Policy: How Does It Become a Tool to Support Poor Households Afford to Purchase an Affordable House?” First draft on November 2022
- “How should Cambodia Prepare for the Fourth Industrial Revolution?” *Essay Contest 2019*, Cambodia Development Center, May 2020

Work in Progress

- “Resilience of Cambodian Household Economy: Evidence from Panel Data,” with Sovannroeun Samreth and Dina Chhorn

Op-Ed Articles

- “Ascending the Development Ladder in Cambodia: Progressing Towards Higher Income Status,” (with Sovannroeun Samreth and Sopheap Song), The Cambodia Outlook Conference, December 7, 2023
- “Explainer: How Cambodia’s Central Bank Addressed Economic Challenges During the Pandemic,” The Cambodia News, July 7, 2023
- “Will Cambodia Commit to Protecting Its Forests?” The Diplomat, November 13, 2021
- “Pandemic Offers Chance to Consider Higher Taxes, not Donations, From Rich,” VOD, August 13, 2021
- “How Cambodia’s Agricultural Lending Can Get a Bigger Bang for Its Buck,” East Asia Forum, May 29, 2021
- “Rising Inflation Threatens to Swamp Cambodian Households,” The Diplomat, May 26, 2021
- “Lockdown’s Food Security Crisis Must Address Demand and Supply,” (with Kimly Lay), VOD, May 4, 2021
- “Cambodia’s Economic Recovery Uncertain Amid Covid,” The Phnom Penh Post, April 6, 2021
- “Cambodia Will Lose Its Fight Against Deforestation If Change isn’t Made,” Southeast Asia Globe, March 16, 2021
- “Kingdom’s Agro-processing Potential,” The Phnom Penh Post, June 8, 2020
- “Cambodia’s Agricultural Sector is in Dire Need of Revitalization,” South East Asia Globe, May 21, 2020

Teaching Experience

Data Analysis for Social Science with RStudio, Future Forum, 2021 – 2022
HYLB Leadership Academy, Habitat for Humanity Cambodia, 2018 – 2020

Refereeing

Journal of International Trade and Economic Development (2x), East Asia Forum (3x)

Invited Seminars (including *scheduled, †virtual, and ‡cancelled)

2023 Voice of America, Chulalongkorn University, Politico 360, Glocator Research and Consulting, Youth Resource Development Program
2022 Aalborg University Business School
2021 IR's Talk, Social Breaking News, Sethakech, Youth Resource Development Program
2020 Future Forum, Markets and Markets Research Private Ltd†, Politikoffee Weekly Forum†, Youth Resource Development Program
2019 Cambodia Development Center, Future Forum, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Luang Prabang, VOD, Royal University of Law and Economics
2018 Youth Resource Development Program

Invited Keynote Presentations (including *scheduled, †virtual, and ‡cancelled)

5th NBC Annual Macroeconomic Conference, Phnom Penh, December 2018

Conference Presentations (including *scheduled, †virtual, and ‡cancelled)

28th Forum for Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies Conference, Berlin*, October, 2024
China-Southeast Asia Sustainable Development Workshop, Suzhou*, October 2024
Workshop on Southeast Asia Economic Development in the Post-Pandemic Era, Kuala Lumpur*, September 2024
YSI Turin International Festival of Economics, Turin‡, June 2024
1st Southeast Asia Economic Research and Development Workshop, Phnom Penh, December 2023
32th Association of Southeast Asian Studies Annual Conference, Depok, November 2023
CDRI Regional Symposium, Phnom Penh, November 2023
ELADES YSI Alumni Workshop, Santiago†, July 2022
5th Nordic Post-Keynesian Conference, Aalborg, April 2022

Other Professional Activities

Co-organizer, China-Southeast Asia Sustainable Development Workshop, Suzhou, October 2024
Co-organizer, Workshop on Southeast Asia Economic Development in the Post-Pandemic Era, Kuala Lumpur, September 2024
Co-organizer, Southeast Asia' Economic Research and Development Workshop, 2023, 2024
Co-organizer, CDRI Regional Symposium, Phnom Penh, November, 2023
Co-organizer, Sethakech Webinar Series, Sethakech, Phnom Penh, 2020 – 2021
Co-organizer, Econ Study Trip, Siem Reap, 2018, 2019
Co-organizer, Econ New Year Day, Phnom Penh, 2016, 2017, 2018
Co-organizer, Ligue de la Filière Spéciale Francophone, Phnom Penh, 2016, 2017, 2018
Co-organizer, Econ Juniors' Day, Phnom Penh, October 2018
Co-organizer, Extractive Industries Exposure Trip, Preach Vihear, September 2018
Co-organizer, Extractive Industries Advocacy Workshop, Phnom Penh, August 2018
Co-organizer, Potluck Social Discussion, Phnom Penh, 2018
Co-organizer, Youth's Perspective on Space for Social Activism, Phnom Penh, October 2017
Co-organizer, Extractive Industries Campaign, Phnom Penh, 2017, 2018

Other Information

Computing Stata, R, MATLAB, L^AT_EX, HTML, CSS, Photoshop, Lightroom, Final Cut
Languages Khmer (native), English (proficient), French (advanced low)
Citizenship Cambodian, Born in December 1996

References

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