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CV of Failures

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Most of what I attempt ends in failure. These failures are frequent but always propel me forward. This CV of Failures is an endeavor to provide balance to the record of my professional career and personal development, while also offering insight to the reader. This idea is not mine, but rather comes from a wonderful article in Nature by Melanie I. Stefan, a Lecturer in the School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Edinburgh, and Johannes Haushofer, a Goh Keng Swee Professor of Economics at the National University of Singapore. Johannes emphasizes that his CV of Failures has garnered more attention than his entire body of academic work. This holds true in the real world, where everyone experiences failures, though these failures often go unnoticed by others. Thus, there is significant value in learning the failures of others.

Schools I Did Not Get Into

2024	9th International FMM Summer School, Forum for Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies
2019	Master Program in Applied Economics, Université de Lille
	Master Program in Economic Analysis and Policy, Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne
	Master Program in Economics, Université Côte d'Azur
	Master Program in Economics, Université Paris-Saclay

Positions I Failed to Get

2023	Socioeconomics Editor and Researcher, Open Development Cambodia
2019	Internship Program, Cambodia Resource Development Institute

Fellowships, Honors, and Scholarships Not Awarded

2025	Economic Policies for the Global bifurcation (EPOG-JM), Erasmus Mundus Joint Master
2024	Australia Award Scholarships
	Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship
2023	Ireland Fellows Programme
2015	MoEYS Provincial Outstanding Student in Literature

Paper Rejections From Academic Journals

2022	The Journal of Finance
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Article Rejections From Media Outlets

2021	The New York Time, The The Diplomat (x2), The Phnom Penh Post (x2), Southeast Asia Globe, Asia Times (x2)
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Conference Presentations I Did Not Get

2025	Bristol Applied Economics Meetings 2025
	27th Annual Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics
2024	65th Annual Scientific Meeting
	YSI Demand and Growth Regimes: Expanding the Debate
	58th Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association
	Alternative Approaches to Innovation in a Dynamic World Workshop
	2nd Meeting of Young Minds in Frontiers of Economics Conference
2023	2023 Australasian Aid Conference
	Promoting a Culture of Research Workshop
	1st Meeting of Young Minds in Frontiers of Economics Conference
	Applied Young Economist Webinar
2022	Credit Markets and Policies in South Asia Workshop
	Young Economists' Meeting 2022

Exams I Failed

2025	IELTS Academic Test (x2)
2024	IELTS Academic Test
2023	IELTS Academic Test (x2)
2022	IELTS Academic Test
2018	Macroeconomic Dynamics
2017	Mathematics for Economists

Travel Isuses

2024	Missed flight in Shanghai due to local travel issues in Suzhou
2022	Missed flight in Paris due to oversleeping in the morning