

FAILURE
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Failures, productive and otherwise

- #fail

exhibition of the narrative of failures in the US patents

<http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/online/mousetrap/>

Failed revolutions of the Marxist/Socialist projects - with a recuperative hope?

Significance of failure for theory

- glitch
- error

logical and syntactical errors in code

- noise
- mistake
- omission
- surprise: Fish editorial
- etc.

value: glitches and failure as removing utility, replacing with ? form of value

Failed papers, trap of the productive failure

Trail of failures as informational archaeology; a genealogy of faux pas; more personally, a “portfolio of failure”

imagining/designing impossible things

art by accident

death of the artist: art as algorithm

Halberstam's Queer Art of Failure: as refusal to assimilate—even as simple lack of success, potential for disrupting attempted neoliberal takeovers of humanities via computing

Is failure a technology? What about sabotage? Culture jamming

Ramsay's Writing Machines: tossing out even or especially successful algorithmic results

data moshing: compression hacking

failure and logic of the sublime

failure revealing processes, increasing transparency
1990s as the increase of “glitched” electronic music

monkey wrenching in the form of cultural jamming

the ignorance of the cumulative history of scientific progress (in favor of a whiggish version) in terms of what becomes dominant and what drops out (fails)

“Broken Beauty”: art vandalism and disability studies, vandals rendering representational difference in the artwork

What would it mean for the dialectic to fail?

fantasy about failure; only from a position of privilege? (question of European modernist roots/assumptions of the discussion)

Can the subaltern fail? (Or, have an aesthetics of failure)

Johanna Drucker on urban signages

http://polaris.gseis.ucla.edu/drucker/SpeciesOfEspaces_5_16_07.pdf

economics of laziness: resistance to enforced work via inertia

the economics of laziness - Paul D'amato

http://socialistworker.org/2007-1/630/630_08_Laziness.shtml

Relevant: Beth Nowviskie's keynote “Too Small to Fail”:

<http://nowviskie.org/2012/too-small-to-fail/>