

Peter F. Drucker Biography

Peter F. Drucker was born in 1909 in Vienna, Austria. He was educated in Austria and England and earned a doctorate in public and international law at Frankfurt University in Germany. A social ecologist, writer, consultant, and retired professor, he has published 41 books. His books on economics, politics, society, and management have been translated into 37 languages. Coordinated with his writings, he developed a series of professional training programs including, most recently, a series of on-line courses on management and business strategies.

Dr. Drucker wrote a regular column in the *Wall Street Journal* for 20 years. He has published articles in professional journals and publications including *The Economist*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Financial Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Fortune*, *Inc.*, and *Harpers*.

As a consultant, Dr. Drucker specialized in strategy and policy for governments, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. His special focus was on the organization and work of top management. He worked with some of the world's largest businesses and with small and entrepreneurial companies. In recent years he worked extensively with nonprofit organizations, including universities, hospitals, and churches. He served as a consultant to a number of agencies of the U.S. government, with the governments of Canada and Japan, and with other nations throughout the world.

Dr. Drucker was professor of philosophy and politics at Bennington College in Bennington, Vermont from 1942 through 1949. He was professor of management at the Graduate School of Management at New York University from 1949 to 1971. In 1969, he received its highest honor, the NYU Presidential Citation.

From 1971 to 2002, Dr. Drucker was the Clarke Professor of Social Science and Management at Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California. In 1987, CGU named its Graduate School of Management after him. It is now known as the Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management. He continues to give special presentations and lectures at the school. In 1993, he established the Peter F. Drucker Research Library and Archive at CGU (www.druckerarchives.cgu.edu).

Dr. Drucker received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the U.S.'s highest civilian honor, and orders from the governments of Japan and Austria. He holds 25 honorary doctorates from American, Belgian, Czech, English, Spanish, and Swiss universities. He served as the president of the Society for the History of Technology from 1955 to 1960.

In his early career Dr. Drucker was economist for an international bank in London, American economist for a group of British and European banks, and American correspondent for a group of British newspapers. He and his wife, Doris, have four children and six grandchildren.