

Peter R. Orszag



Peter R. Orszag is the seventh Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). His four-year term began on January 18, 2007.

Before joining CBO, Dr. Orszag was the Joseph A. Pechman Senior Fellow and Deputy Director of Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution. While at Brookings, he also served as Director of The Hamilton Project, which provides a platform for scholars to offer proposals for promoting broad-based economic growth; Director of the Retirement Security Project, which focuses on promoting retirement security; and Codirector of the Tax Policy Center, a joint venture with the Urban Institute providing analysis of tax issues.

In previous government service during 1997 and 1998, Dr. Orszag served as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Senior Economic Adviser at the National Economic Council. In 1995 and 1996, he was Senior Adviser and Senior Economist at the President's Council of Economic Advisers. His first appointment with the Council was as a staff economist in 1993 and 1994.

Dr. Orszag graduated *summa cum laude* in economics from Princeton University and obtained an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in economics from the London School of Economics, which he attended as a Marshall scholar. He has coauthored a number of books, including *Protecting the Homeland 2006/7* (2006), *Aging Gracefully: Ideas to Improve Retirement Security in America* (2006), and *Saving Social Security: A Balanced Approach* (2004), and coedited *American Economic Policy in the 1990s* (2002). His main areas of research have been pensions, Social Security, budget policy, higher education policy, homeland security, macroeconomics, and tax policy—topics on which he has published widely in academic journals.