

## Author A.C. Frieden Meets Influential Uruguayan Senator

**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (Feb. 10, 2009)** – Author A.C. Frieden traveled to Uruguay to continue his research for his upcoming political novel set in Latin America. As in his prior visit to Uruguay in early 2008 and to other destinations in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, Frieden interviewed key political figures, including on this trip **Senator Francisco Gallinal** of the National Party (aka, the *Blancos*).

Frieden met with the senator at his offices in the *Palacio Legislativo* (the country's parliament) in Montevideo. With a background as an attorney, Senator Gallinal has been an instrumental figure in recent legislative developments, particularly in connection with reforms in health care, education and telecommunications, as well as expanding Uruguay's international profile. He has served in the Senate since his election in 2000 and has become a close ally of **Dr. Luis Lacalle**, the National Party's leading presidential candidate for the October 2009 elections.



Above: Author A.C. Frieden with Senator Francisco Gallinal in the *Palacio Legislativo*.

**About the author:** A.C. Frieden is a Swiss-Brazilian mystery novelist and lawyer living in Chicago. He is currently working on two political novels, including one set in Latin America. For more information, visit his website at [www.acfrieden.com](http://www.acfrieden.com) and his literary travel blog.

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