



The U.S. Embassy Office of Public Affairs
invites you to a workshop presenting a textbook

Open Gates: A course in 20th Century American Culture and Literature

The workshop will be conducted by
Michaela Čaňková, author

Dates and venues:

Wednesday, **March 22nd** 15:00 -18:00 **Brno**,
American Corner, City Library, Kounicova 65a

Thursday, **March 23rd** 15:00-18:00 **Prague**,
Prague Woodrow Wilson Center, Tržistě 13, Praha 1

Wednesday, **March 29th** 15:00-18:00 **Prague**,
Prague Woodrow Wilson Center, Tržistě 13, Praha 1

Thursday, **June 15th** 15:00-18:00 **Pilsen**,
American Center Pilsen, Dominikánská 9

Please RSVP by March 11, 2006 for one of the proposed workshops. Registration including your name, school, e-mail address and phone number will be required. We can accommodate 30 participants per workshop, and will reserve 5 additional slots for alternates. Applications will be accepted by e-mail or phone, on a first come - first served basis.

Contact person responsible for participants' registration is Klára Čuchnová, email: cuchnovakx@state.gov, Tel. 257 535 160 or 257 530 663, ext. 3110.

If you apply for a workshop and find out that you won't be able to participate, please let us know so that one of the alternates can be invited.

About the event:

This interactive workshop on American 20th century culture and literature is based on *Open Gates*, a textbook by Michaela Čaňková, published in 2005 by Leda Publishing House with support of the U.S. Embassy in Prague. The seminar is designed for teachers of English who are interested in acquiring new methods and approaches. In the seminar we will cover a variety of literary and musical extracts, as well as artwork, and examine how they can be creatively used in classroom instruction. The aim is to encourage language learning through appreciation of literature, original texts and works of art. The seminar is primarily for secondary school teachers preparing their students for the 'maturita' exam. The working language will be English.

About the author:

Mgr. Michaela Čaňková graduated in English from Charles University, Prague and has been working in the field of English teaching throughout her professional career. Apart from teaching, she has spoken at many conferences in the Czech Republic and abroad, has written a number of textbook evaluations and conducted numerous seminars on language and methodology, as well as culture and literature. She is the author of English culture and literature textbooks published in the Czech Republic and abroad: *Open Channels* (1997), *Intercultural Activities* (2002, with S. Gill) and *Open Gates* (2005) among others.
