

Průběh obhajoby diplomové práce:

Lenka Kuřátková defended her diploma work in English. She began by explaining how her author's life experience (as well as that of his family and close friends in the Dominican community in New Jersey) informed his fictional depictions of immigrant life in the U.S.A. She described the narrative structure and code-switching (English, Spanish, vernacular drug related vocabulary) as well as the fascinating behavior of the machismo patriarch Ramón de las Casas who, after leaving his wife and children in the Dominican Republic to take a job in the United States to support them, essentially abandoned them for a new wife with American citizenship. He neither said he married, got a divorce, or supported his Dominican family. Eventually he divorced his American-citizen wife and brought over his Dominican family to New Jersey. Additionally, Ms. Kuřátková presented the notion of "Post-Colonialism," a theory that domination by powerful nations continues to be exerted even after that former colony becomes "independent" - though in fact the country is still covertly oppressed both politically and economically. Ms. Kuřátková cited the expression of post-colonialism in selected short stories by Junot Díaz. Ms. Kuřátková answered questions on the pessimistic aspects of his writing by stating that Díaz did not "judge" but left the judging to the reader, and a second question regarding the impact the father-figure, Ramón de las Casas, exerted on the family.

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