

## UCML Executive Committee

### NOMINATION FORM

Winter 2019 elections (post effective from 31 July 2019)

If you wish to stand for election as the representative for VC Research, please return this form. Your nomination should be supported by a proposer and seconder who are based in institutions or associations that are members of UCML or of a recognised academic institution/subject association. The form should be returned electronically to UCML's Hon. Secretary, Prof Naomi Segal at: [ucml@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:ucml@bbk.ac.uk)

Deadline for return of nominations: Tuesday 5 March

### UCML Vice-chair for Research

**Nominee's name:** .....Dr. Lavinia Hirsu.....

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**Proposed by:** ... Dr Carole MacDiarmid (SFHEA; SFBALAP), EAP Manager (Teacher Development), School of Modern Languages

**Institution:** .....University of Glasgow.....

**Seconded by:** ...Dr. Evelyn Arizpe, Senior Lecturer, School of Education and AHRC Reviewer

**Institution:** ..... University of Glasgow .....

**Candidate's election statement** should include present post, relevant experience and expectations. Candidates are advised to read the relevant role profile and the UCML Constitution and Standing Orders to inform their candidature.

*(Candidate's statement should not exceed 150 words. It will be posted on the UCML website.)*

Dr. Lavinia Hirsu is a Lecturer in the School of Education, University of Glasgow. Her research and teaching are multidisciplinary drawing upon digital literacies, theories of cultural diversity and social inclusion, academic writing and translingual pedagogy. She brings a rich experience in research directions and practices by building on her recent projects: an AHRC network, *Children's Literature in Critical Contexts of Displacement: Exploring how story and arts-based practices create 'safe spaces'* and a British Academy project, *Strengthening Urban Engagement of Universities in Asia and Africa*. With her colleague, Sally Zacharias, she has developed a British Council project, *Challenging the Translingual Turn: Student-Teachers' Perceptions, Practices and Networks* and has recently co-edited a book, *Rhetorical Machines: Writing, Code and Computational Ethics*. Dr. Hirsu is committed to explore language research in new and challenging contexts and will work towards supporting new

research developments by engaging with appropriate bodies and sharing this information with colleagues.