

# **Madalina Vlasceanu**

## **Candidate for Social Officer**

*Q: What is your position on graduate student unionization?*

A:

Generally, I believe in the power unions have making students' interests heard. However, I am concerned that at Princeton, introducing an outside legal entity between students and the University could backfire and slow down or even prevent initiatives of beneficial changes (e.g., 2018 direct student initiative in the Psychology Department dramatically reduced teaching load). I am also concerned about PGSU and their affiliation with the AFT, which doesn't permit department specific unionization policies and can't negotiate housing. PGSU built a comprehensive list of graduate student issues, but failed to provide a plan of how unionization through AFT could resolve them.