Hi everyone, my name is Zhongwen Fan. I am very excited to join City University of Hong Kong (CityU) as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Accountancy.

I was born and raised in Shanghai, China. I graduated with Bachelor’s degree in Accounting from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, M.S. in Finance from Boston College, and Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Texas at Dallas. Before joining CityU, I was on the faculty of the University of Hong Kong.

I am interested in three topics of accounting research. The first one is to apply theories of behavioural economics to explain corporate accounting and tax decisions. My work provides evidence that managers often deviate from the standard model when making those decisions. The second one is to examine the role of accounting in corporate debt financing. Debt is a major form of financing for firms across the world. My work shows that disclosures affect debt financing in various ways. The last one is corporate governance. I am particularly interested in emerging topics in this area, such as the application of blockchain in corporate governance.

I am also very excited to interact with students at CityU in the classrooms. I hope my students can enjoy great learning experience that benefits their future career development.