



## **Ms MAO Ying**

I was a Ph.D. student in the Department of Accountancy and graduated in summer 2017. I am currently an assistant professor at Lingnan University.

My research interests are mainly voluntary disclosure, tax avoidance and the diffusion of corporate strategies through social networks. I recently received the College of Business Ph.D. Student Research Excellence Award 2017. I am grateful to my supervisor, Dr. Wang Zheng, and other faculty staff in the Department of Accountancy. Without their patient guidance of my research and the valuable time they have shared with me, I could not have achieved all these.

In my experience, independent thinking and cooperation are two critical abilities that must be cultivated during Ph.D. study. Fortunately, the Department of Accountancy offers its students great opportunities to improve. The diverse coursework and research seminars gave us very solid research training, helping us to gain a preliminary understanding of accounting research and build our own opinion on research questions. More importantly, the cooperative research environment and warm-hearted faculty members who are willing to help students provided us with opportunities to learn from and co-author research papers with them, which gave us valuable research and collaboration experience.

As a graduate, I believe that my study in the Department of Accountancy will be the most valuable experience of my life. As a junior faculty member, I will try to transfer the knowledge and experience I gained at CityU to my students.

In my spare time, I like hiking, traveling and reading.