

A traditional Chinese ink and wash landscape painting. The scene depicts a vast mountain range with steep, craggy peaks. In the foreground, a valley opens up, showing a winding path or road and several small, dark trees. The brushwork is expressive, with varying shades of ink and light washes of color to create depth and texture. The overall composition is balanced and evokes a sense of natural grandeur and tranquility.

The Gang of Four

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Key Years

1966 – Jiang Qing given authority

1976 – Mao Zedong dies, Gang of Four arrested

1981 – Gang of Four on Trial

2005 – Last Member of the Gang dies

Members

- Jiang Qing
- Zhang Chunqiao
- Yao Wenyuan
- Wang Hongwen



Jiang Qing

- Lǐ Shūméng
- Lán Píng
- Madame Mao
- "Great Flag-carrier of the Proletarian Culture"

Jiang Qing

- Literature and Drama
- *Big Thunderstorm*
- *God of Liberty*
- *A Doll's House*
- *Blood on Wolf Mountain*

Jiang Qing

- Ministry of Culture
- Politburo
- Deputy Director of the Cultural Revolution
- 8 Model Plays

Jiang Qing

- Arrested in 1976
- Held in Prison Until 1981
- Sentenced to Death
- Life in Prison 1983
- Released in 1991
- Died in May 1991

Zhang Chunqiao

- Writer in the 1930's
- Joined the Communist Party in 1938
- Joined the Politburo in 1969
- Promoted in 1973

Zhang Chunqiao

- Respected Maoist
- On Exercising All-Round Dictatorship over the Bourgeoisie

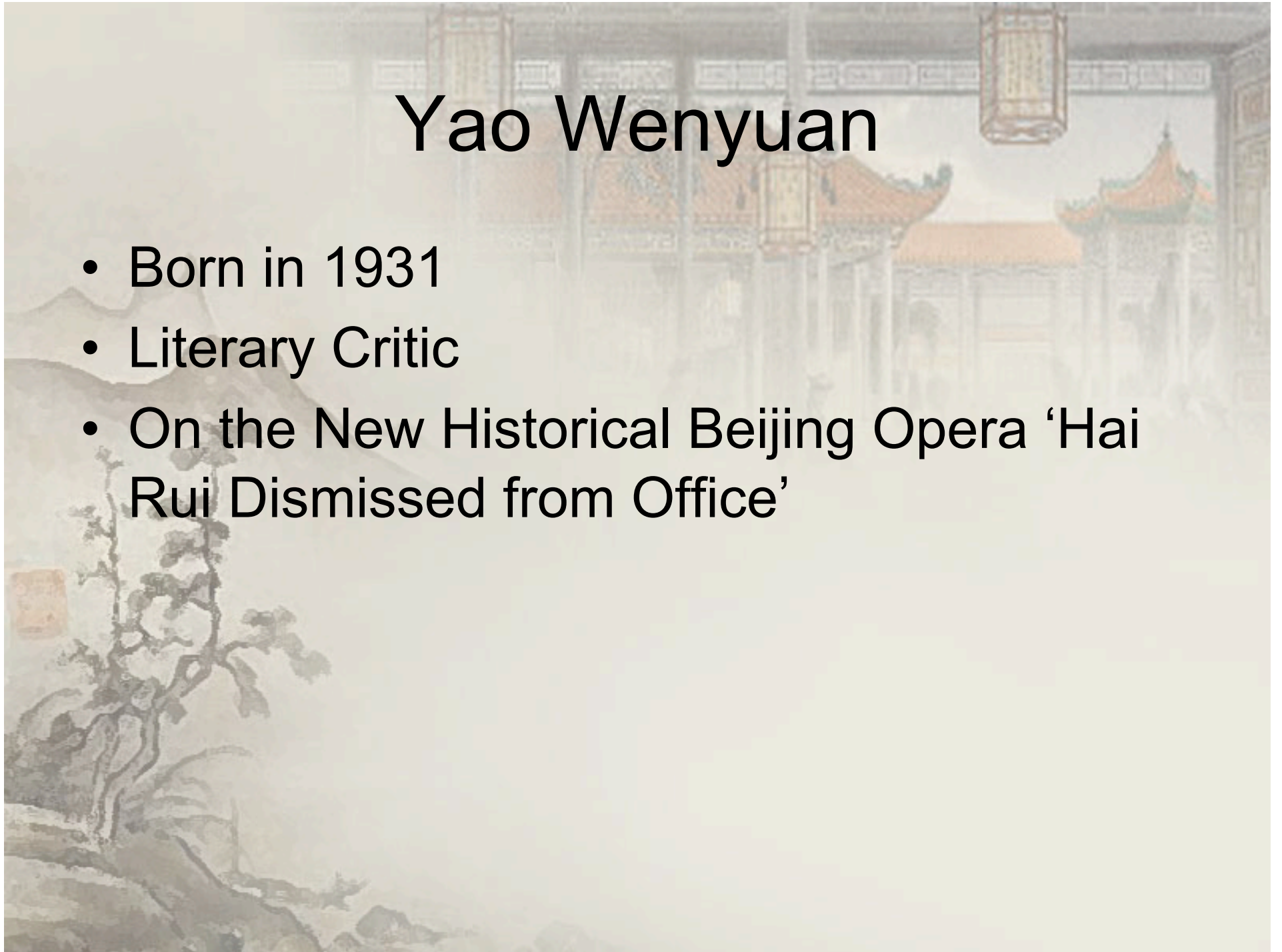


Zhang Chunqiao

- Arrested in 1976
- Held in Prison until 1981
- Sentenced to Death
- Sentenced changed to Life in Prison
- Released in 2002
- Died in 2005

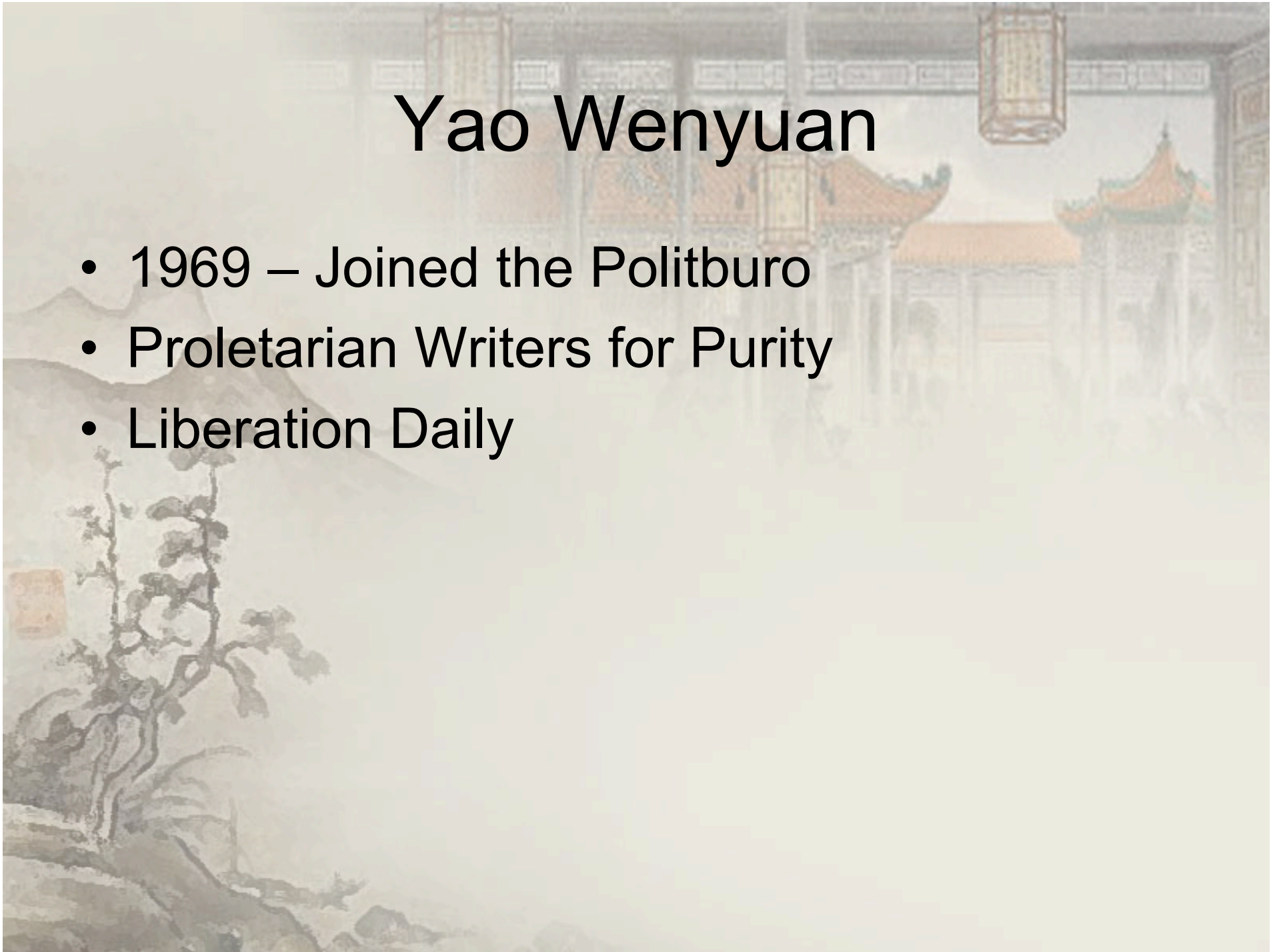
Yao Wenyuan

- Born in 1931
- Literary Critic
- On the New Historical Beijing Opera 'Hai Rui Dismissed from Office'



Yao Wenyuan

- 1969 – Joined the Politburo
- Proletarian Writers for Purity
- Liberation Daily



Yao Wenyan

- Arrested in 1976
- Sentenced to 20 years in prison
- Released in 1996
- Died in 2005 from diabetes

Wang Hongwen

- Born in 1936
- Youngest member
- Korean War Veteran
- Became involved with the Red Guard

Wang Hongwen

- Shanghai Commune in 1967
- Elected to Central Committee in 1969
- Vice President of Party in 1973
- Key Player, announced Mao's Death

Wang Hongwen

- Arrested in 1976
- Sentenced to Life in Prison in 1981
- Released for Medical Reasons
- Died of Cancer in 1992

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