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Gordon Stewart visiting Leverhulme Professor from Michigan State University will give two thought provoking and exciting lectures at the University of Dundee.

## Killed by an Umbrella. Dundee, Calcutta, and the Endgame for Jute

Wednesday 16th March 2011

6.30 pm • D'Arcy Thompson Lecture Theatre

Dundee helped create and run the jute mills in Calcutta, and Dundonians are rightly proud of that history. But the baby born on the banks of the Hooghly grew into a giant which threatened to destroy the mother industry on the banks of the Tay. This lecture explores the relationship of these two jute cities in the global economy from the 1830s until the final demise of jute in Dundee in the 1990s. Calcutta claimed to be holding an umbrella over Dundee. Was Dundee killed by an Umbrella?

## Murder in Calcutta: Violence & Imperialism in a Calcutta Jute Mill

Monday 21st March 2011

6.30 pm • D'Arcy Thompson Lecture Theatre

The jute industry was created in the colonial setting of the British raj in India; the colonial peoples, including factory workers, had to be made aware of who was in charge. This oppressive side of the raj surfaced dramatically in 1926 when a Scottish manager attacked one of the workers inside the Gourepore jute mill. This lecture will look at this murder, the subsequent trials, and reactions to the verdict. What does this murder tell us about Jutes relationship to imperialism?

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