

CAPInv. GR-26: **thiasotai**

I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Attica with Salamis |
| ii. Region | Attica |
| iii. Site | Athens |

II. GENERAL REFERENCE

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| i.a. Full reference (original language) | Θιασῶται (Dig. 47.22.4 = <i>Gaius, libro quarto ad legem duodecim tabularum</i>) |
| i.b. Full reference (transliterated) | <i>thiasotai</i> |
| ii. Reference context | The term occurs in a passage of the <i>Digesta</i> , a 6th century AD compilation of opinions expressed by leading classical Roman jurists. The rule in Greek was apparently quoted by Gaius, a mid 2nd century AD jurist. It states that whatever <i>thiasotai</i> agree between themselves is valid provided that it does not conflict with <i>polis</i> laws. |

III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | Hell. - Imp. |
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V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | Dig. 47.22.4 = <i>Gaius, libro quarto ad legem duodecim tabularum</i> (Hell. - Imp.) |
| Note | Other publications: Ruschenbusch 1966: F77; Ruschenbusch and Bringmann 2010: F76a |
| Online Resources | The text is found at this address: http://droitromain.upmf-grenoble.fr/Corpus/d-47.htm#22 (copy and paste link in address bar) |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Literary source(s) |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Passage from the commentary of Gaius in the legislation of the Twelve Tables: the passage is quoted in Greek. |

VIII. NOTES

i. Comments

The date of the provision is highly disputed, since in the passage it is ascribed to Solon. Most scholars would follow the above date, e.g. Foucart (1873: 47), Beauchet (1897: 4.343), Radin (1910: 50), Pantazopoulos (1946: 259-61), Hatzopoulos (1980: 949-51), Leiwo (1997: 104), Jones (1999: 33-45, 313-6), Ustinova (2005: 183-5), Ismard (2007: 20-2). Busolt and Swoboda (1926: 252) and Davies (1996: 635) argued for a Cleisthenic date, while some others (Ferguson 1944: 64-6; Bravo 1980: 857; Whitehead 1986: 15) claimed that the regulation is a conflation of archaic elements with later ones; however, it has been argued that this is, at the earliest, a Hellenistic regulation, Arnaoutoglou (2003: 55-7) or a fifth-century BC re-edited law (Ismard 2010: 44-57).

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IX. EVALUATION

i. Private associations

Probable

Note

The term *thiasotai* in Athens is, with a few notable exceptions (e.g. IG II² 1237), usually used to denote a private association.

ii. Historical authenticity

The authenticity of the text is not in dispute, despite a textual corruption.