

CAPInv. GR-27: **syssitoi**

I. LOCATION

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

II. GENERAL REFERENCE

i.a. Full reference (original language)	σύσσιτοι (Dig. 47.22.4 = <i>Gaius, libro quarto ad legem duodecimo tabularum</i>)
i.b. Full reference (transliterated)	<i>syssitoi</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>syssitoi</i> agree between themselves is valid provided that it does not conflict with <i>polis</i> laws.

III. DATE

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

i. Source(s)	Dig. 47.22.4 = <i>Gaius, libro quarto ad legem duodecimo 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	A passage from the commentary of Gaius on 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).
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), <i>Thusias heneka kai sunousias. Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i> . Athens. Beauchet, L. (1897), <i>Histoire du droit privé de la république athénienne</i> . 4 vols. Paris. Bravo, B. (1980), 'Sylân. Représailles et justice privée contre des étrangers dans les cités grecques (Étude du vocabulaire et des institutions)', <i>ASNP</i> 10.3: 857-987. Busolt, G., and Swoboda, H. (1920-26), <i>Griechische Staatskunde</i> . 2 vols. München. Davies, J. (1996), 'Strutture e suddivisioni delle poleis archaiche: tribu, fratrie, ghene e ripartizioni minori: loro natura. I quadri istituzionali della vitta cittadina', in S. Settis (ed.), <i>I Greci. Storia, cultura, arte, società. 2. Una storia greca I. Formazione</i> . Torino: 599-652. Ferguson, W. (1944), 'The Attic orgeones', <i>HThR</i> 37: 61-140. Foucart, P. (1873), <i>Les associations religieuses chez les Grecs. Thiasés, éranes, orgéons</i> . Paris. Hatzopoulos, C. (1980), 'Personae collectivae sto attikon dikaion', <i>Nomikon Bema</i> 28: 949-51. Ismard, P. (2007), 'Les associations en Attique de Solon à Clisthène', in J.-Chr. Couvenhes and Milanezi, S. (eds.), <i>Individus, groupes et politique à Athènes de Solon à Mithridate</i> (Actes du colloque international, Tours, 7 et 8 mars 2005). Tours: 17-34. Ismard, P. (2010), <i>La cité des réseaux. Athènes et ses associations VIe – Ier siècle av. J.-C.</i> . Paris. Jones, N. (1999), <i>The associations of classical Athens. A response to democracy</i> . New York. Lambert, S. (1993), <i>The phratries of Attica</i> . Ann Arbor, Michigan. Leiwo, M. (1997), 'Religion, or other reasons? Private associations in Athens', in J. Frosen (ed.), <i>Early Hellenistic Athens. Symptoms of a change</i> . Helsinki: 103-18. Lipsius, J. (1905), <i>Das attische Recht und Rechtsverfahren mit Benutzung des attischen Prozesses</i> . Leipzig. Pantazopoulos, N. (1946), <i>Hai hellenikai koinonai. Prolegomena eis to attikon somateiakon dikaion</i> . Athens. Pantazopoulos, N. (1948), 'Orgeones', <i>Polemon</i> 3: 97-128. Radin, M. (1910), <i>The legislation of Greeks and Romans on corporations</i> . diss. University of Columbia. Ruschenbusch, E. (1966), <i>Solonos Nomoi. Die Fragmente des solonischen Gesetzeswerkes mit einer Text- und Überlieferungsgeschichte</i> . Wiesbaden. Ruschenbusch, E., and Bringmann, K. (2010), <i>Solon: das Gesetzeswerkes Fragmente</i> . Stuttgart. Ustinova, Y. (2005), 'Lege et consuetudine: Voluntary cult associations in the Greek law', in V. Dasen and M. Pierart (eds.), <i>Idia kai demosia. Les cadres "prives" et "publics" de la religion grecque antique</i> (Actes du IXe colloque du CIERGA tenu a Fribourg du 8 au 10 septembre 2003). Liege: 177-90. Willamowitz-Moellendorf, U. (1881), <i>Antigonos of Karystos</i> . Berlin.

IX. EVALUATION

i. Private associations	Probable
Note	<i>Syssitoi</i> are not epigraphically attested in Athens, but as private associations in neighbouring Boeotia.
ii. Historical authenticity	The authenticity of the text is not in dispute, despite a textual corruption.