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Decree-making is a defining aspect of ancient Greek political activity: it was the means by which city-state communities went about deciding to get things done. This two-volume work provides a new view of the decree as an institution within the framework of fourth-century Athenian democratic political activity. Volume 1 consists of a comprehensive account of the literary evidence for decrees of the fourth-century Athenian assembly. Volume 2 analyses how decrees and decree-making, by offering both an authoritative source for the narrative of the history of the Athenian *demos* and a legitimate route for political self-promotion, came to play an important role in shaping Athenian democratic politics. Peter Liddel assesses ideas about, and the reality of, the dissemination of knowledge of decrees among both Athenians and non-Athenians, and explains how they became significant to the wider image and legacy of the Athenians.

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- Aelian: Claudii Aeliani de natura animalium libri xvii, varia historia, epistolae, fragmenta*, vol. 2, ed. R. Hercher. Leipzig (1866).
- Aeschines: Orationes*, ed. M. Dilts. Stuttgart and Leipzig (1997).
- Antiphontis et Andocidis Orationes*, eds. M. Dilts and D. Murphy. Oxford (2018).
- Anonymi de Comoedia*, ed. G. Kaibel, *Comicorum Graecorum fragmenta*, vol. 1.1. Berlin (1899) 6–10.
- Anonymi et Stephani in artem rhetoricam commentaria* [Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca 21.2], ed. H. Rabe. Berlin (1896).
- Apsines: Two Greek Rhetorical Treatises from the Roman Empire: Introduction, Text, and Translation of the Arts of Rhetoric, attributed to Anonymous Seguerianus and to Apsines of Gadara*, eds. M.R. Dilts and G.A. Kennedy. Leiden and Boston (1997).
- Aristotelis ars rhetorica*, ed. W.D. Ross. Oxford (1959).
- Aristotelis Ἀθηναίων πολιτεία*, ed. H. Oppermann. Leipzig (1928).
- Aristophanes. Ecclesiazusae*, ed. R.G. Ussher. Oxford (1973).
- Athenaei Naucratis deipnosophistarum libri xv*, ed. G. Kaibel, 3 vols. Leipzig (1887–90).
- Cornelii Nepotis vitae cum fragmentis*, ed. P.K. Marshall. Leipzig (1977).
- Demosthenis Orationes*, ed. M.R. Dilts. Oxford (2002–9).¹
- Didymos: On Demosthenes*, ed. P.A. Harding. Oxford (2006).
- Dinarchi orationes cum fragmentis*, ed. N. Conomis. Leipzig (1975).
- Dionis Prusaensis quem vocant Chrysostomum quae exstant omnia*, ed. J. von Arnim, 2 vols. Berlin (1893–6).
- Diodori bibliotheca historica*, ed. K.T. Fischer (post I. Bekker and L. Dindorf) and F. Vogel, 5 vols. Leipzig (1888–1906).
- Diogenes Laertius vitae philosophorum*, ed. M. Marcovich, vol. 1. Stuttgart and Leipzig (1999).
- Dionysii Halicarnasei quae exstant*, eds. H. Usener and L. Radermacher, vols. V and VI: *Opuscula* I and II. Leipzig (1899).

¹ For the text of the *Hypotheseis* to Demosthenic speeches, I have used the texts in *Demosthenes. Orationes*, ed. C. Fuhr and I. Sykutris. Leipzig (1914–37).

- Harpocratonis lexicon in decem oratores Atticos*, ed. W. Dindorf. Oxford (1853).
Hyperidis orationes sex, ed. C. Jensen. Leipzig (1917).
Isée. Discours, ed. P. Roussel, 2nd ed. Paris (1960).
Isocrate. Discours, eds. É. Brémond and G. Mathieu, 4 vols. Paris (1929).
Libanii opera, ed. R. Foerster, 11 vols. Leipzig (1903–22).
Lycurgus Oratio in Leocratem cum ceterarum Lycurgi orationum fragmentis, ed. N.C. Conomis. Leipzig (1970).
Lysiae orationes cum fragmentis ed. C. Carey. Oxford (2007).
Hellenica Oxyrhynchia, ed. V. Bartoletti. Leipzig (1959).
Photii Bibliotheca, ed. I. Bekker, vol. 1. Berlin (1824).
Plutarchi moralia, ed. J. Mau, vol. 5.2.1. Leipzig (1971) 1–49.
Pollucis onomasticon, ed. E. Bethe, 2 vols. [*Lexicographi Graeci* 9.1–9.2]. Leipzig (1900–31).
Rhetores Latini minores, ed. C. Halm. Leipzig (1863).
Scholia in Aeschinem, ed. M.R. Dilts. Stuttgart and Leipzig (1992).
Scholia Demosthenica, ed. M. R. Dilts, 2 vols. Leipzig (1983–6).
Scholia in Aelium Aristidem. See *Anonymi et Stephani in artem rhetoricam commentaria*, ed. H. Rabe [*Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca* 21.2]. Berlin (1896).
Scholia in Aelium Aristidem, ed. W. Dindorf, *Aristides*, vol. 3. Leipzig (1829) 1–734.
Scholia Graeca in Aristophanem, ed. F. Dübner. Paris (1877).
Suidae lexicon, ed. A. Adler, 4 vols. Leipzig (1928–35).
Xenophontis opera omnia. ed. E.C. Marchant, vol. 1. Oxford (1900).
 Zenobius: *Epitome collectionum Lucilli Tarrhaei et Didymi*, eds. E. L. von Leutsch and F. G. Schneidewin, *Corpus paroemiographorum Graecorum*, vol. 1. Göttingen (1839) 1–175.

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Translations and Transliterations

Translations are my own, unless otherwise attributed.

I have used Latinised versions only of the most familiar Greek names (e.g. place-names such as Athens, Corinth, and those of canonical authors, e.g. Thucydides, Aeschines, Dinarchus).

Abbreviations

Abbreviations of ancient authors and works follow those employed by H.G. Liddell and R. Scott, *Greek-English Lexicon*, 9th ed. Oxford (1940), save for a few self-explanatory exceptions:

[Arist.] *Ath. Pol.*: [Aristotle], *A History of the Athenian Constitution*
 [Plu.] *X Or.*: [Plutarch], *Lives of the Ten Orators* (= *Moralia* 832b–852e)
Xen. Hell.: Xenophon, *A History of Greece*
Xen. Poroi: Xenophon, *Ways and Means*

Abbreviations of standard works conform to the list in the *AJA* website (available at www.ajaonline.org/submissions/abbreviations).

Journal abbreviations follows those recommended by the Archaeological Institute of America: see the *AJA* website (www.ajaonline.org/submissions/journals-series).

Abbreviations of epigraphical publications follow those listed at the CLAROS website (www.dge.filol.csic.es/claros/cnc/2cnc3.htm).

Other Abbreviations

Agora: *The Athenian Agora: Results of Excavations Conducted by the American School of Classical Studies in Athens*. Princeton (1951–).

AIO: Attic Inscriptions Online (www.atticinscriptions.com/).

AIUK: *Attic Inscriptions in UK Collections* (www.atticinscriptions.com/papers/aiuk/).

AO: R. Develin, *Athenian Officials, 684–321 BC*. Cambridge (1989).

APF: J.K. Davies, *Athenian Propertied Families 600–300 BC*. Oxford (1971).

CEG: P.A. Hansen, *Carmina Epigraphica Graeca*, 2 vols. Berlin (1983–9).

- HCT: A. W. Gomme, A. Andrewes and K. J. Dover, *A Historical Commentary on Thucydides*, 5 vols. Oxford (1945–81).
- FGrH: F. Jacoby, *Fragmente der griechischen Historiker*. Berlin and Leiden (1923–).
- LGPN: M. J. Osborne and S. G. Byrne, *A Lexicon of Greek Personal Names: Volume II. Attica*. Oxford (1994).
- ML: R. Meiggs and D. Lewis, *A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions to the End of the Fifth Century BC*. 2nd ed. Oxford (1988).
- OR: R. Osborne and P. J. Rhodes, *Greek Historical Inscriptions 478–404 BC*. Oxford (2017).
- Osborne, *Naturalization*: M. J. Osborne, *Naturalization in Athens*, 4 vols. In 3. Brussels (1981–3).
- PA: J. Kirchner, *Prosopographia Attica*. Berlin (1901–3).
- PAA: J. S. Traill, *Persons of Ancient Athens*, 21 vols. Toronto (1994–2012).
- RE: A. Pauly, G. Wissowa and W. Kroll, *Real-Encyclopaedie der klassischen Altertumswissenschaft*. Berlin (1893–1980).
- RO: P. J. Rhodes and R. J. Osborne, *Greek Historical Inscriptions 404–323 BC*. Oxford (2003).
- SVA: H. Bengtson and H. H. Schmitt, *Die Staatsverträge des Altertums*, vols. 2–3. Munich (1969–75).

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