

THE *SENATUS CONSULTUM DE*
CN. PISONE PATRE

The *Senatus Consultum de Cn. Pisone Patre* is a senatorial decree issued in AD 20 following the trial of Gnaeus Calpurnius Piso, the governor of Syria, who was accused of rebellion against Tiberius following the death of his heir, Germanicus. It survives on several inscriptions and is among the most important documents from the early Principate. This new edition, with translation and commentary, sets the text within its contemporary context, considering it alongside other texts (including Tacitus' *Annales*), coins, and monuments, and focuses on their complementary roles in developing Tiberian political discourse. It explores how contemporary observers (including Valerius Maximus and Velleius Paterculus) understood and contributed to the shaping of dynastic rule at Rome after the death of Augustus in AD 14. It analyses how the Principate continued to evolve under his successor Tiberius, and explores the role of different individuals and groups in negotiating these political changes.

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Abbreviations

AE	<i>L'Année épigraphique</i> (1888–)
CFA	J. Scheid, <i>Commentarii fratrum Arvalium qui supersunt. Les copies épigraphiques des protocoles annuels de la confrérie arvale (21 av.–304 ap. J.-C.)</i> . (Rome: École française de Rome / Soprintendenza archeologica di Roma, 1998)
CIL	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i> (ed. T. Mommsen et al., 1863–)
Dig.	<i>The Digest of Justinian</i> , Latin text edited by T. Mommsen with the aid of P. Krueger; English translation edited by A. Watson, vol. 4, rev. edn (Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009)
EDCS	Epigraphik-Datenbank Claus / Slaby: http://db.edcs.eu/epigr/epi_ergebnis.php
ILN-Vienne	<i>Inscriptions Latines de Narbonnaise</i> , vol. 5.3, XLIV ^e supplément à <i>Gallia</i> , ed. B. Rémy (Paris: CNRS Editions, 2005)
ILS	<i>Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae</i> , ed. H. Dessau, 3 vols (Berlin: Weidmann, 1892–1916)
Inscr.It. XIII.1	<i>Inscriptiones Italiae. XIII – Fasti et elogia. Fasc. 1 – Fasti consulares et triumphales</i> , ed. A. Degrassi (Rome: Libreria dello stato, 1947)
Inscr.It. XIII.2	<i>Inscriptiones Italiae. XIII – Fasti et elogia. Fasc. 2 – Fasti anni Numani et Iuliani</i> , ed. A. Degrassi (Rome: Istituto poligrafico dello stato / Libreria dello stato, 1963)
IRT2009	<i>Inscriptions of Roman Tripolitania</i> , ed. J.M. Reynolds and J.B. Ward-Perkins, enhanced electronic reissue by Gabriel Bodard and Charlotte Roueché (2009), http://inslib.kcl.ac.uk/irt2009/
LACTOR 17	<i>The Age of Augustus</i> , ed. M.G.L. Cooley, LACTOR 17 (London: London Association of Classical Teachers, 2008)
LACTOR 19	<i>Tiberius to Nero</i> , ed. M.G.L. Cooley, LACTOR 19 (London: London Association of Classical Teachers, 2011)

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LACTOR 20	<i>The Flavians</i> , ed. M.G.L. Cooley, LACTOR 20 (London: London Association of Classical Teachers, 2015)
LTUR	<i>Lexicon Topographicum Urbis Romae</i> , ed. E.M. Steinby, 6 vols (Rome: Quasar, 1993–2000)
MAS	Museo Arqueológico de Sevilla
OCD ⁴	<i>Oxford Classical Dictionary</i> (4th edition), ed. S. Hornblower, A.J. Spawforth, E. Eidinow (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012)
OLD	<i>Oxford Latin Dictionary</i> , ed. P.G.W. Glare (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1982)
PIR ²	<i>Prosopographia Imperii Romani Saec. I. II. III</i> , 2nd edn, 9 vols (Berlin: De Gruyter, 1933–2015)
P.Oxy.	<i>Oxyrhynchus Papyri</i>
RGDA	<i>Res Gestae divi Augusti</i> (edition used: Cooley 2009)
RIC I ²	<i>The Roman Imperial Coinage</i> , vol. I (rev. edn) 31 BC–AD 69, ed. C.H.V. Sutherland (London: Spink)
RPC I	<i>Roman Provincial Coinage</i> , vol. I: <i>From the Death of Caesar to the Death of Vitellius (44 BC–AD 69). Part I: Introduction and Catalogue</i> , ed. A. Burnett, M. Amandry, P.P. Ripollès (London: British Museum Press / Paris: Bibliothèque nationale de France, 1992)
RRC	<i>Roman Republican Coinage</i> , ed. M.H. Crawford (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1974)
SCPP	<i>Senatus consultum de Cn. Pisone patre</i>
SEG	<i>Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum</i>
TLL	<i>Thesaurus Linguae Latinae</i>

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