

"Peace and Safety" vs. "Conflict and Danger"

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Peace signified harmonious relations with neighbors while Safety meant the security of the man as a citizen

Throwing this in to show that "Peace" was also used in the context of macropolitics, in the same sense we use it: "war vs. peace."

"...For in [law courts], as the saying goes, they risk their neck whenever they serve as assemblymen, and whenever they judge cases, they pay attention to what's being said because they fear their oath -- but in the assemblies and displays of the sophists, they do not care at all, either about an oath (because they have not sworn to judge correctly) nor about whether what's being said is beneficial to the city or not (because the speech is not about war and **peace** [*Εἰρήνη*], about which we must sometimes vote, or if it does happen to be about war and **peace** [*Εἰρήνη*] or some other thing that they deliberate in their assemblies, the speech at that moment is not about anything pressing at all)."

(Philódēmos, On Rhetoric Book 3, P.Herc. 1506, col. 50, line 33 - col. 51, line 21)