



## Press Release

**Through mediation by the Advisory Commission the Dr. and Mrs. Max Stern Foundation, the heirs of Hugo Heinemann and the Landschaftsverband Rheinland reached an amicable settlement regarding restitution of the painting *Bäuerliches Frühstück* by P. V. Plas**

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In the case of Dr. and Mrs. Max Stern Foundation versus Landschaftsverband Rheinland and the heirs of Hugo Heinemann versus Landschaftsverband Rheinland an amicable settlement between the parties was reached through mediation by the Advisory Commission on the return of cultural property seized as a result of Nazi persecution, especially Jewish property, chaired by Prof. Hans-Jürgen Papier, on 8 July 2025.

The parties agreed that the painting *Bäuerliches Frühstück* [Peasant Breakfast] (first half of the 17th century) by P. V. Plas (active between 1630–1650) will be restituted to the Dr. and Mrs. Max Stern Foundation and the heirs of Hugo Heinemann in equal parts in recognition of the collective and individual Nazi persecution of Dr. Max Stern (1904–1987) and Hugo Heinemann (1900–1943). The parties share the view that the loss of the painting constitutes a seizure as a result of Nazi persecution, for both Dr. Max Stern and, subsequently, Hugo Heinemann.

The Advisory Commission had decided to encourage an amicable settlement between the parties in the matter after an oral hearing on 23 May 2025. The case is concluded with the signing of the settlement agreement on 14 November 2025.

The complete agreement is available at [beratende-kommission.de](http://beratende-kommission.de).

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