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IMAGINE the existence of a German ministry,
– operating through an implementing organization –
that aims to establish and fund
an international academic exchange and research platform
in a postcolonial country in North Africa.
Next, imagine you might enquire within this frame
about the meaning of inequality and mobility.
What if, after the project starts a regulation pops up, entitled
‘No Gain No Loss’,
a regulation that translates into unequal pay for invited fellows:
each person is entitled only to the pay they would
receive in their home institution/country, no more, no less?
Let’s also imagine
– that although all fellows reside and work together for months –
that this means that post-docs from German institutions
are paid up to 3,000 Euro/month,
while those from North African institutions receive about 600 Euro/month.
‘Equal Pay for Equal Work’,
however, is rejected.

