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We especially need imagination in science.  
It's not all mathematics, nor all logic, but somewhat beauty and poetry.

-Maria Mitchell, 1871

Do the Stars Look the Same on the Other Side of the World

Sitting at the end of a pier looking at the evening sky darken. I am counting the stars while trying to grasp the notion of outer space. What do planets look like? How about black holes? Or how fast can a comet fly? Fascinated, I am staring at the ever-changing star patterns while thinking; do the stars look the same on the other side of the world?

Do the Stars Look the Same on the Other Side of the World is a series that focuses on the complex beauty of distant diversity in infinite space. As I started working on this series, I drew attention to the captivating visual quality of scientific images related to space. By using this material as a starting point and mixing it with my imagination, I try to picture distant objects and phenomena, which can only be imagined without scientific tools. Together these images create a personal cosmological map that one can use to travel deeper into the cosmos.

By creating these images, I try to visually ponder on how to give form to various celestial phenomena such as dwarf planets, patterns of variable stars, sunbursts and dark matter. These images make a bend in the line of reality and put forward something that might be possible. I can never be sure of the accuracy of the phenomena happening inside the cosmos – I may only rely on my imagination.

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