

## **Rona Hooke, *untitled***

paper cup, 2021

A string phone, known as a child toy, is on the wall. It's possible to talk when you have two cups. Then where is the other one? Or maybe it's possible to exist in a different world. By letting us imagine a communication with a different world, the artwork by Rona Hooke making artworks based on "telecommunication" gets out of the childish situation. You might need to update to do the singular communication.

A telephone is divided into "tele" and "phone" in the first place. The technology that immediately connects with people located in separate places brings us the revolutionary change for the communication of humans. For example, when you imagine 200 years ago without a telephone, today's distribution and telework are impossible. A mentality "I want to make all distances zero" intervenes in the background of many technologies. Then, what is the distance that Hooke is trying to make it zero?

Mars, Andromeda Galaxy, Galactic Bulge. What is the most distant thing now? Maybe it's rather a place that the concept distant isn't used. The uncanny range that can't access with the existing way is not sensible now because it exceeds current human intelligence. But it's possible to imagine that it exists because you can't say there is no such place. Hooke reminds us of the unknown or unknowable area by the only one string phone.

What does telecommunication like that bring our world? What can we bring to the world beyond this Hooke's phone?