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10 must-see exhibitions in Hong Kong this June

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Installation view, "Taryn Simon: Portraits and Surrogates" at Gagosian Hong Kong, May 25 to August 5, 2017. Courtesy Gagosian. Artworks ©Taryn Simon

When: Through 5 August

Multidisciplinary conceptual artist Taryn Simon presents her work for the first time in Hong Kong at the Gagosian, with fascinating works that are set to make you question the powers and systems in the world, as well as how history, culture and politics shape meaning. In "Portraits and Surrogates," she explores how different subjects gain new significance when they are displaced in new contexts: namely, juxtaposing groups of items seized at the US customs from abroad; comparing the abductions of various groups of people and animals around the planet and the various rationales behind each happening; and pairing seemingly frivolous flower arrangements with archival images of powerful men who signed some of the most important agreements in history to highlight the fragility — and useless formalities — from within history.

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