TalkScience@BL will be hosting their next event at The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB on 9th October (18.20 - 20.30, Doors open at 18.00) entitled:

Genetic testing in assisted reproduction: Selecting, not perfecting?

A panel discussion chaired by Dr Tom Shakespeare (UEA) with Dr Joyce Harper (UCL), Nick Meade (Genetic Alliance UK), Professor Rosamund Scott (King's College London), and Dr Alan Thornhill (Guy's and St Thomas' Assisted Conception Unit) will provide a variety of perspectives on issues concerning genetic testing in assisted reproduction and some of the ethical questions these raise. This will be followed by an informal discussion with the audience.

In the course of the discussion we hope to address the following questions:

• How do we decide which conditions should be tested for?

• How accurate are the current testing methods anyway?

• Will designer babies ever become a reality?

• Where do we draw the line and who should draw it?

TalkScience is a popular evening Café Scientifique series where experts provide a short 30 minute introduction to the issues, followed by a discussion amongst an informed audience for an hour or so. The event is aimed at individuals from academia, industry, policy and all those interested in contemporary scientific issues.
More information and tickets (£5) can be booked through the British Library Box Office. Refreshments will be available.

Please email Katie.Howe@bl.uk for any enquires about this event.