The U.S. health care sector is unique among industrialized nations by having a large share of the population without health insurance. The 2010 Affordable Care Act aimed to change this through a combination of subsidies, mandates, and regulations.

The philosophical and ethical justification for many of these changes – including for example the mandate to purchase health insurance – is quite controversial. In this discussion, Professor Duggan will provide a very brief description of the key features of the ACA and then discuss the philosophical and ethical issues at the core of the ACA.