

The changing nature and role of VET in Europe

The case of Norway

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Outline

About Norway

The VET-system

Changes of the VET-system

External challenges and responses

Dilemmas and pathways forward?

Norway

Egalitarian values

High-trust society

Oil-boosted economy

Nordic model

Comprehensive welfare state

Coordinated wage formation

Tripartism

Norwegian VET-system

Widespread political support

Great demand for skilled labour

Low status

Dropout

Geographic variations

Trade-specific variations

Typologies

Ianelli and Raffe (2007) :

employment vs. education logic

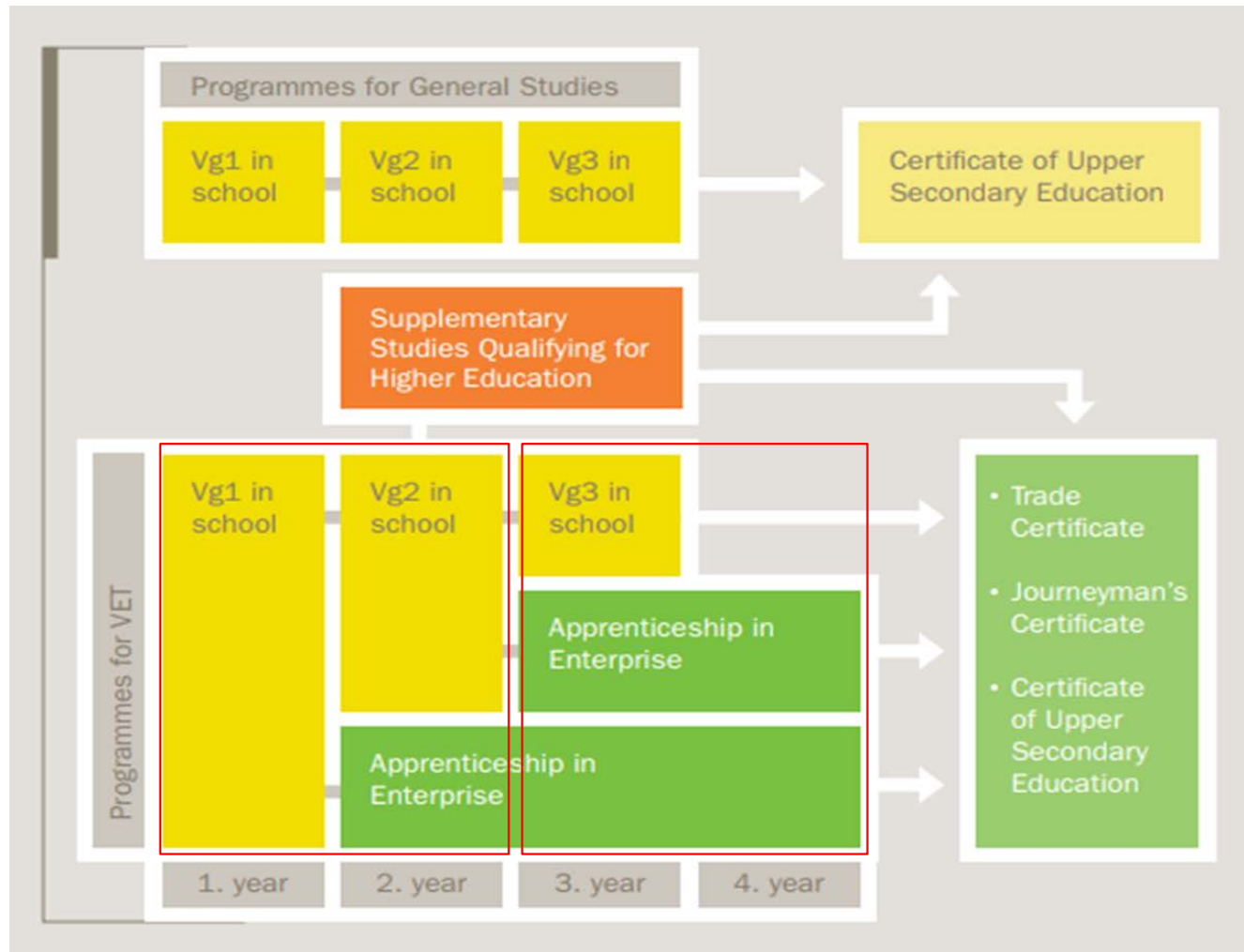
Greinert (2002):

the liberal market economy model

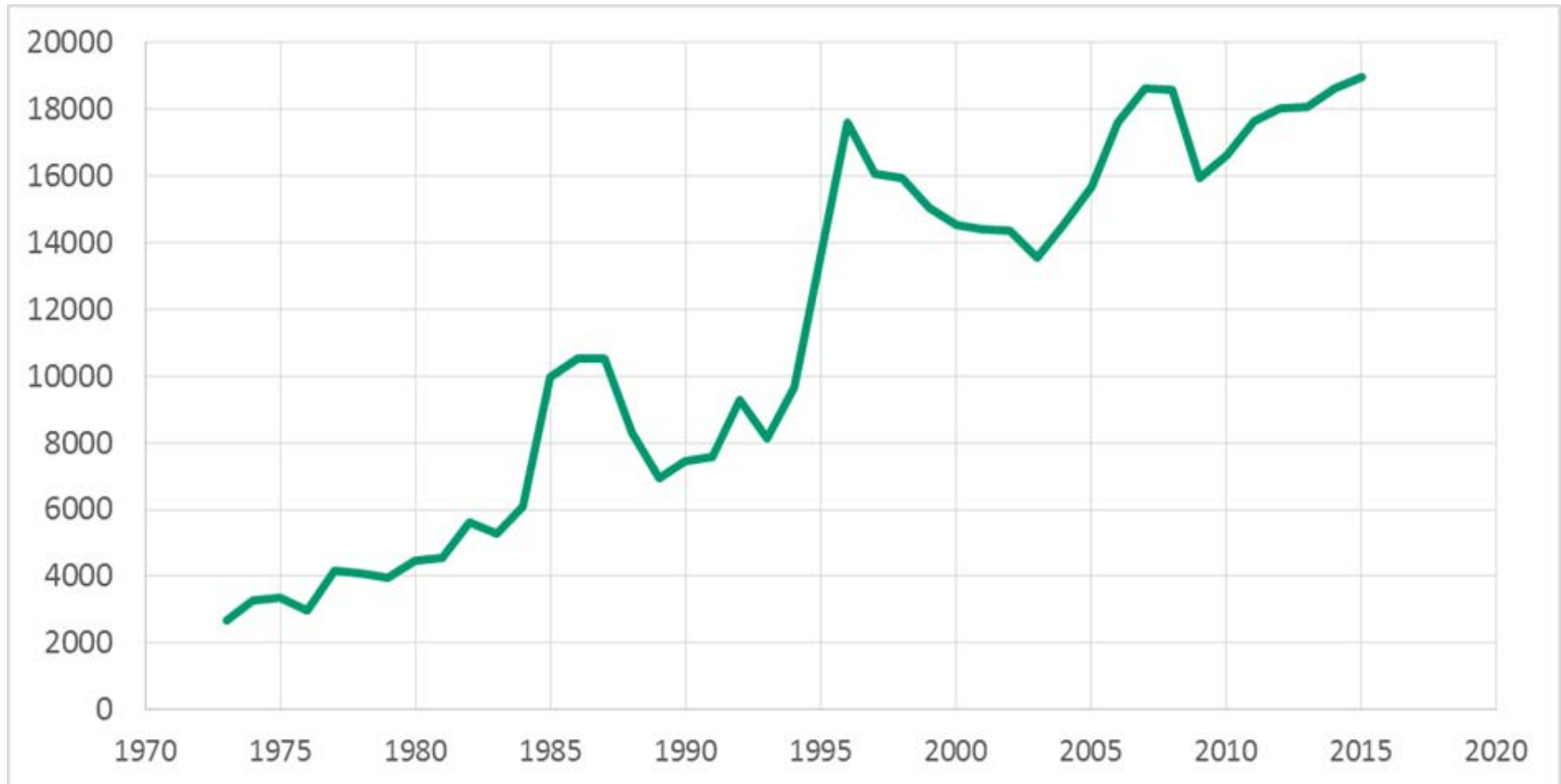
the state regulated bureaucratic model

the dual-corporatist model

Upper secondary education system



Development of the number of apprenticeship contracts entered for all trades, 1973-2007



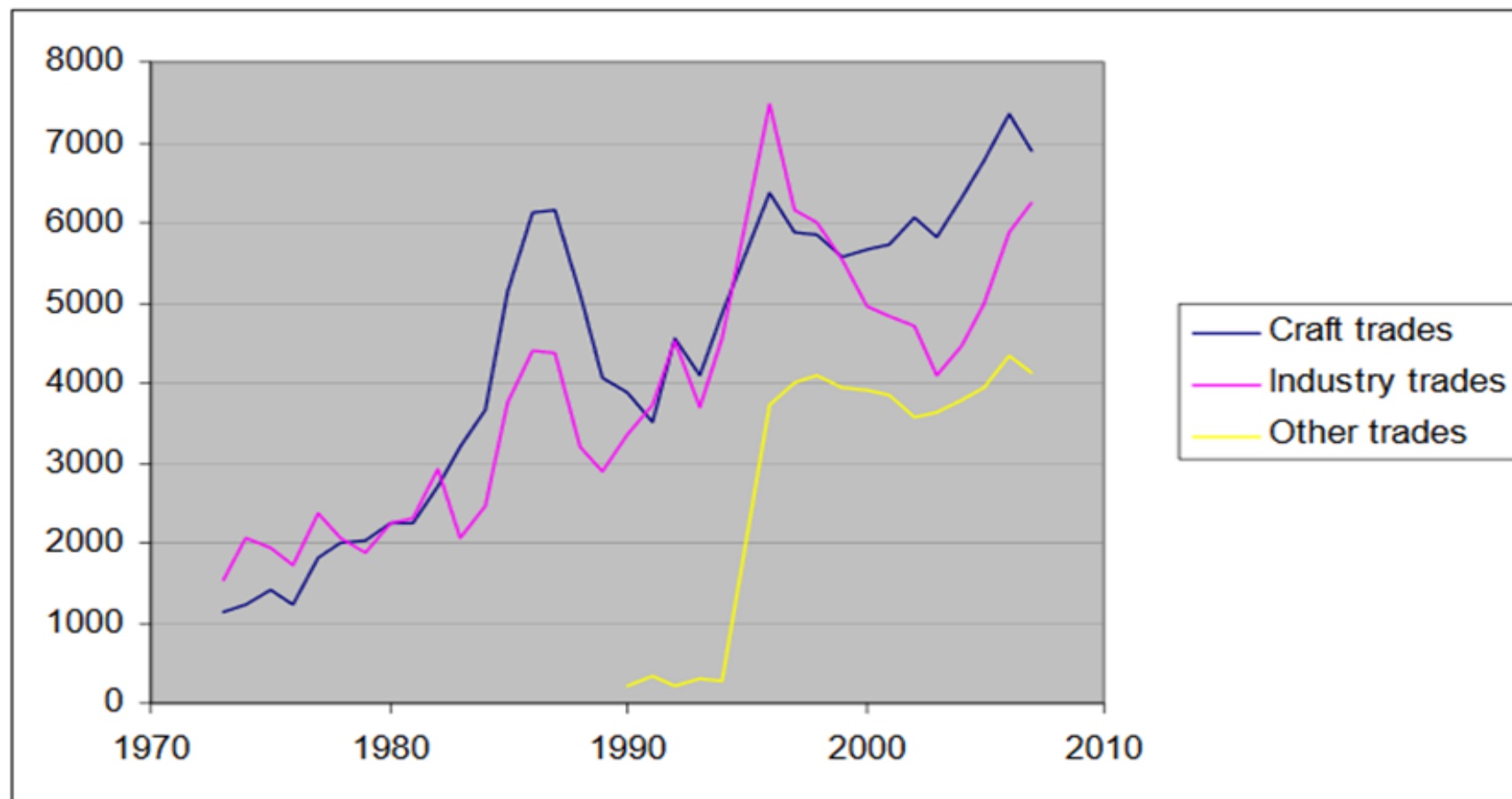


Figure 2.2: New apprenticeship contracts per year from 1973-2008, distributed according to craft, industry, and other trades.

Sources: RFA's annual report, Linda vocational education, The Ministry of Education, Statistics Norway

External challenges

Ageing population

Technological change

Turn to higher education

(Labour) immigration

Institutional change

Five modes of incremental institutional change (Streeck & Thelen 2005):

Displacement

Layering

Drift

Conversion

Exhaustion

Dilemmas and potential pathways forward?

Rapidly changing labour markets:

Viable career path for youth?

An attractive way of training and recruitment for employers?

Weakened role of social partners

Pedagogics and content

General or trade-specific skills?

Conflicting objectives?

Parity of esteem compared to general education and social inclusion?

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