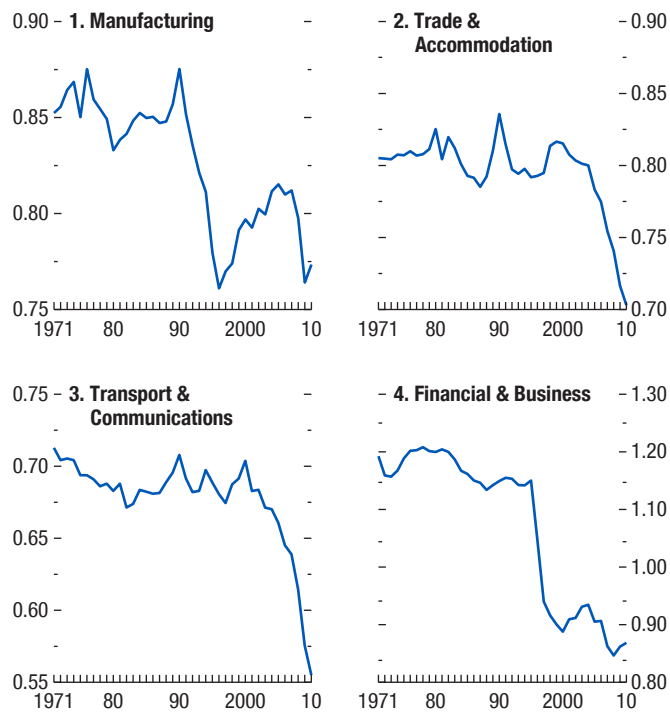


**Figure 3.18. Sigma-Convergence**  
*(Standard deviation of log labor productivity, PPP adjusted)*

The dispersion of productivity levels across countries declined over time in several service industries, providing further evidence of convergence. The extent of productivity convergence in service industries has accelerated since the mid-1990s or early-2000s.



Sources: Groningen Growth and Development Centre database; World KLEMS database; and IMF staff calculations.  
 Note: See Annex 3.3 for details. PPP = purchasing power parity.