

During this period of absence of Imam Mahdi (AS), Imam Khomeini is the first Shiite jurist who has created an Islamic rule which is based on the teachings of Shiite jurisprudence. At the first place, Imam Khomeini was a prominent jurist of his times who attempted and succeeded in the foundation of Islamic Republic of Iran. Therefore, based on his religious learning, Imam Khomeini tried to corroborate different aspects of governance with the Shiite doctrines and the Shiite religious jurisprudence, including the foreign policy. His efforts were to base and shape the foreign policy of Islamic republic of Iran on the basis of teachings of Shiite jurisprudence. The present research is an attempt to study the effects of Imam Khomeini's political ideas on the orientation of foreign policy of Islamic republic of Iran which in turn are directly influenced by the teachings of Shiite jurisprudence. It is evident that Imam Khomeini's anthropology and his interpretations of the universe have had a direct influence on the formation of his political thoughts and his approaches towards relations with foreign countries. Therefore, while analysing the basic principles of Islamic republic of Iran's foreign policies, we have tried to analyse the interpretations of the universe in Imam Khomeini's ideas and also his views on men on the whole. And then we have tried to find out the effect of these thoughts of Imam Khomeini on his political thoughts and eventually the effects of these thoughts and ideas on the formation of his foreign policy. Moreover, the effort has been made to study the effects of Imam Khomeini's jurisprudential approach on his ideas of foreign policy. what has been said till now was largely a part of theoretical analysis of the philosophical and jurisprudential foundations of the foreign policy of Imam Khomeini. But in order to complete the research, the effort has been made to study and analyse the environment where these thoughts and ideas took shape in Imam Khomeini's mind. And also the practical manifestations of these ideas in the field of foreign policy have been analysed. In this section, the attention is centred at Iran as a nation-state unit with a long ancient history and culture and the impact of this long and ancient history and culture on shaping the political thought and foreign policy have been discussed in this chapter. Moreover, the orientations of Islamic republic of Iran's foreign policy and Iran's interaction with the world during Imam Khomeini's time were some of the topics that were discussed and analysed in this chapter. The method of research is causal explanation with the methods of gathering content and library studies.