THE ENVIRONMENT IMAM AL-SHAFİİ HAD WROTE HIS AL-RESALAH AND ITS IMPACT AND REFLECTIONS TO IT

The role and place of Imam al-Shafi'i in Islamic thought has recently been criticised by some scholars. In this study, we tried to focus on his way of thought which based on the context of the period in which he lived (d.204/811), and the impacts of this environment on his famous book “al-resalah”. As a result, it would be said that al-Shafii set rules to prevent a scientific chaos in his time and defended vigorously sunnah as a sound evidence in extracting “ahkaam/adjudications”, as well as providing with unity of thinking. In other words, al-Shafii formed his methodology on the foundations of the matters mentioned above.