Séminaire
Le lundi 4 octobre 2021, 13h
Complexe de recherche avancée, pièce 233
Université d'Ottawa, 25, rue Templeton
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Seminar
Monday, October 4, 2021, 1 p.m.
Advanced Research Complex, room 233
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Path to zero carbon buildings in Canada
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Abstract: Human activities unequivocally caused observed increases in greenhouse gas emissions since the 1750s leading to the warming up of the Earth. Canada is heating up at approximately twice the global average, and observed annual average temperature increases for Northern Canada are almost three times the world’s mean. Along with 195 parties, Canada adopted the Paris Agreement on climate change to keep the average global temperature increase below 2.0°C compared to pre-industrial levels. As the third-largest greenhouse gas emitter, buildings play a crucial role in meeting the climate change targets and building communities that benefit all Canadians long-term. Nevertheless, progress toward net-zero carbon buildings has been slow. On the other hand, technological solutions already exist, and the costs of renewable energy generation are becoming competitive with conventional grid electricity while creating jobs and reducing pollution. Join Dr. Kavgic to learn about the potential path to net-zero carbon buildings in Canada.

Bio: Dr. Miroslava Kavgic is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Ottawa. She completed her Master’s and Ph.D. studies in Environmental Design and Engineering at the University College London, U.K., researching indoor environmental quality and decarbonizing the building sector. Before joining uOttawa in 2020, Dr. Kavgic was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Dalhousie University in Halifax (2014-2016) and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, the University of Manitoba (2016-2020), where she is an Adjunct Professor. She also has extensive industry experience working in firms on sustainable building design and engineering. At uOttawa, she researches developing carbon-negative building materials, bioclimatic design strategies, and renewable systems for sustainable, healthy, and affordable buildings. Dr. Kavgic is a member of the Centre for Indigenous Community Infrastructure at uOttawa and is especially interested in deriving environmentally and culturally appropriate solutions and technologies for remote Northern communities.